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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

World

Iran's nuclear program: Iran and European nations reached a preliminary agreement about Iran's nuclear program at talks hoped to avoid a U.N. showdown, but all countries involved still must approve it, Iran's chief negotiator said Sunday in Tehran.

If approved, the deal could be a major breakthrough following months of threats and negotiations and could spare Iran from being referred to the U.N. Security Council, where the United States has warned it would seek economic sanctions.

The preliminary agreement worked out the finalized in the next few days, chief Iranian negotiator Hossein Mousavian told state-run Iranian television from Paris, where talks wrapped up Saturday.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in Iran's conservative-dominated parliament pushed for a bill banning the production of nuclear weapons in a gesture of building more international trust.

Haitian violence: An armed group fired on a police station in northwestern Haiti on Saturday, prompting officers to flee while prisoners escaped and more than 100 people started a flurry of looting, officials said.

No one was reported killed in the clash in Gonaives, the country's third-largest city, which left the station empty after looters broke into the building and carried away furniture and other items, police spokeswoman Gessy Coicou said.

The attack happened several hours after a suspected gang member was arrested for attacking and looting humanitarian aid trucks, said Capt. Mamie Ward, spokeswoman for the 5,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti.

Shipments of food for victims of recent floods that wiped out much of Gonaives are commonly attacked by young men armed with guns and stones.

India missile test: India on Sunday tested a nuclear-capable ship-launched missile off its eastern coast, an official said.

The Dhanush missile, capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads, was launched from an Indian navy ship in the Bay of Bengal, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Pakistan, which also routinely carries out missile tests, declined comment on the test but said it was against an arms race.

"Dhanush," which means "bow" in the Hindi language, was tested from the ship INS Subhadra some 20 miles away from India's missile testing site at Chandipur-on-Sea in the eastern state of Orrissa. The site is 750 miles southeast of New Delbi

With a strike range of 156 miles, the missile can carry a load of 1,100 pounds, the Indian official said.

French protester killed: A French anti-nuclear protester was killed Sunday in eastern France when his leg was severed by a train carrying radioactive waste to Germany, a police official said.

The incident took place further down the rails from where two other anti-nuclear protesters had earlier chained themselves to the tracks near the town of Nancy, France, briefly delaying the train, rail officials said.

Paramedics quickly cared for the protester after the incident near the town of Avricourt, but his leg was severed and he died en route to a nearby hospital, the police official said or condition of anonymity. The official said at least one other protester had been injured.



Anniversary remembrance: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force personnel stand at attention Sunday during inspection marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of Japan Self-Defense Forces at Asaka Base, north of Tokyo.

At least 4,500 people demonstrated Saturday at the radioactive waste way station in Gorleben, part of regular protests over concerns that the nuclear material is unsafe.

Serbia war crimes: The foreign minister of Serbia-Montenegro on Sunday accused Serbia's government of protecting suspects wanted by the U.N. war crimes court.

Vuk Draskovic blasted the Serbian leadership for a "political and spiritual return of Serbia to the era of (former president) Slobodan Milosevic."

Milosevic's war campaigns in the 1990s led to war crimes charges against him and dozens of other Serbs. After losing power, Milosevic was handed over to the U.N. court in 2001, as were several other suspects, but another 15 remain at large.

Western powers have warned Serbia to extradite the fugitives — notably Bosnian Serb wartime general Ratko Mladic — or face sanctions. The republic's leadership insists that Mladic's whereabouts are unknown, while the other fugitives should be tried before a domestic, not the international court.

Kashmir border fence: A fence that India is building along its disputed Kashmir frontier with Pakistan has already prevented many suspected Islamic rebels from crossing into its portion of the Himalayan region, an Indian Cabinet minister said Sunday.

Home Minister Shivraj Patil, on his first visit to the region since the Congress-led government came to power in May, didn't give any figures for the drop in incursions, and he even added that they were still going on.

The electrical barbed-wire fence, designed to stop Islamic fighters infiltrating from Pakistan, will cover 360 miles of the 465-mile boundary once completed later this year.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Friday that his government's commitment to resolving the Kashmir dispute depended on whether Pakistan stops suspected

Islamic insurgents from using its territory to launch attacks against India.

States

\$10 million spaceship prize: The designers of the first privately manned rocket to burst into space were handed a \$10 million check Saturday, a prize designed to encourage technology that will open the heavens to tourists.

SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan accepted the Ansari X Prize money along with a 150-pound trophy as a chase plane flew over the ceremony in a field adjacent to the St. Louis Science Center.

The rocket plane, financed with more than \$20 million from Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen, qualified for the prize by blasting into space twice in five days last month.

The X Prize, offered to the first team to get into space twice in a 14-day span, will now evolve into a regular competition called the X Prize Cup.

Florida hurricane victims: Nearly three months after Hurricane Charley devastated parts of southwestern Florida, hundreds of people displaced by the storm still have not received temporary housing.

About 650 people have been placed in travel trailers or mobile homes in Charlotte County, one of the hardest-hit counties, but about 500 more units are needed, said Dennis Küzziah, manager for the Port Charlotte field office of the Federal Emergency Management Aeency.

Ben Davis, a FEMA strike team leader, said officials are still going door to door to assess the need in Charlotte County. Many of those displaced are staying with family and friends, renting apartments or staying at mo-

Serial killer to face victims' families: A former nurse who admitted killing 17 patients at hospitals in two states must attend a sentencing hearing where he will face the families of six of his alleged victims, a judge ruled.

Judge William H. Platt said he would not accept Charles Cullen's waiver of his right to appear at his sentencing after he is expected to plead guilty Nov. 17 to killing six people in Lehigh County, Pa.

Cullen, 44, is charged with six counts of homicide and three counts of attempted homicide in Lehigh County. He faces a life prison sentence.

Cullen's attorney, public defender Johnnie Mask, said he was not happy with Platt's decision but would not oppose it.

Besides the six in Lehigh County, Cullen has pleaded guilty to using lethal doses of medication to kill 17 mostly elderly patients at hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylva-

War on terrorism

No Iraq plans for German military: U.S. Ambassador Daniel Coats sought to allay fears that President Bush's election might signal a new effort to obtain military support from Germany in Iraq, saying in remarks released Sunday that the administration knows the country is against sending troops.

"The U.S. administration has accepted that Germany will not be sending any soldiers to Iraq in the foreseeable future," Coats said in remarks released in German to be published Monday in the Handelsblatt newspaper. "We hope for other means of support."

Ties between Berlin and Washington were strained by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's opposition to last year's U.S.-led war in Irao.

Stories and photos from wire services

Iraq declares 60-day state of emergency

U.S. troops isolate Fallujah ahead of expected offensive

BY TINI TRAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The gov-ernment declared a 60-day state of emergency throughout most of the country Sunday, as U.S. and Iraqi forces prepared for an exnected all-out assault on rebels in Fallujah. Insurgents escalated a wave of violence that has killed more than 50 people the past two

After the declaration, the U.S. command said American soldiers had "isolated Fallujah" and all traffic in and out of the city had been halted. The statement said U.S. forces were "finishing final preparations for an assault on Fal-

Heavy explosions were heard in Baghdad as government spokesman Thair Hassan al-Naqeeb announced the state of emergency over the entire country except Kurdish areas in the north

"It is going to be a curfew. It is going to be so many things, but tomorrow the prime minister will mention it," he said. Interim Prime Minister Avad Allawi will give more details Monday, he

Al-Nageeb declined to say whether the announcement signaled an imminent attack on the insurgent stronghold Fallujah, saying, "We have seen the situastronghold Fallujah, tion is worsening in this area. Any obstacle will be removed.

After sundown Sunday, Fallujah residents reported heavy exchanges of fire were under way between U.S. troops and insurgents near the Jolan neighborhood in the northern edge of the

Allawi, who called a meeting Sunday with his defense minister interior minister and provincial police commanders, said the state of emergency is a "very powerful message that we are serious about reining in insurgents before elections set for late January.

"We want elections to take place. We want to secure the country so elections can be done in a peaceful way and the Iraqi

tions freely, without the intimidation by terrorists and by forces who are trying to wreck the political process in Iraq," he told reporters

Allawi, a secular-minded Shiite Muslim, faces strong pressure from within the minority Sunni community against an all-out as-sault. "I urge the brother prime minister to reconsider the issue of storming Fallujah and to give another chance for dialogue Hatim Jassim, a member of the Iraqi National Council, told Al-Jazeera television

Mohammed Ali Rilal a Fallujah negotiator, urged the Arab League, the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Conferences to "find a peaceful solution for this problem.

The emergency decree was issued as insurgents carried out a second day of assaults in central Iraq, attacking police stations, gunning down government officials and setting off bombs.

Three attacks on U.S. convoys in and around Baghdad killed two American soldiers and wounded five others Sunday, the military said. Residents reported grenades setting police cars aflame on Haifa Street in the heart of the city.

A car bomb also exploded near the Baghdad home of Iraq's fiminister, Abdel-Mahdi, a leading Shiite politician, the Interior Ministry said.

Reda Jawad Taqqi, a spokesman for a major Shiite political said that neither Abdel-Mahdi nor any of his family were in his house at the time They are all safe, thank God, the minister and his family." Taggi told the Associated Press

The U.S. military said the bomb killed one Iraqi bystander and wounded another. A U.S. patrol came under small-arms fire as it responded, wounding one soldier, a statement said.

The wave of violence sweeping the troubled Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad, may be aimed at relieving pressure on



Heat waves swirl around an Iraqi police vehicle after an attack by insurgents using a rocket-propelled grenade on Haifa Street in Baghdad on Sunday. At least one police officer was injured in a similar attack on another vehicle nearby.

American troops are massing for a major assault if Allawi gives the green light.

Early Sunday, Marines fired a barrage of artillery at rebel posi tions inside Fallujah and clashed with insurgents carrying AK-47s, killing at least 16. Two U.S. soldiers were wounded at midnight at a checkpoint near Falluiah, the U.S. military said.

On Sunday, Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force gave a rousing nen talk he fore 2.000 to 3.000 Marines at a base near Fallujah.

"You can feel the energy. You can feel the chemistry. You're going to give that to the Iraqi forces as they join that fight. God bless you, each and everyone You know what your mission is Go out there and get it done," he

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,127 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 865 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three mili-

The AP count is two higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 73 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.
Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major com-

bat operations in Iraq had ended, 989 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 756 deaths re-

sulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No new deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ Army Spc. Cody L. Wentz, 21, Williston, N.D.; died Thursday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the National Guard 141st Engineer Battalion, Williston, N.D.

Thousands of surface-to-air missiles missing, U.S. says

BY DANA PRIEST AND BRADLEY GRAHAM

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Several thousand shoulder-fired missiles the kind that could be used to shoot down aircraft - are missing in Iraq, and their disappearance has prompted U.S. military and intelligence analysts to increase sharply their estimate of the number of such weapons that may be at large, administration officials said Saturday

Some U.S. analysts figure that as many as 4,000 surface-to-air missiles once under the control of

remain unaccounted for. That would raise the number of such missiles outside government hands worldwide to about 6,000.

But a senior defense official said yesterday that military intelligence analysts are having difficulty estimating just how many of the portable missiles may have vanished and how many of those may be in working order and therefore a threat to U.S. and other aircraft.

"We don't have a good estimate," the official said. "Some have put forward some figures, but there is none that the Defense

Intelligence Agency has confi-Another official said govern-

ment analysts could not say with any certainty whether the missing weapons remain in Iraq or have been smuggled outside the country. "There is no evidence that they have left the country.'

Still, other government offi-cials said the threat that the Iraqi missiles could be used to target military or civilian aircraft remains a very real one. Concern about the Iraqi missiles was raised during a conference on aviation threats last week at the

DIA's Missile and Space Intelligence Center in Huntsville, Ala. The new estimates, based on analvsis done by the DIA and with the proliferation section of the CIA, were first reported Saturday by the New York Times.

The U.S.-led invasion forces did not secure all weapons depots in Iraq, and hundreds of thousands of tons of munitions were looted. U.S. officials fear that the shoulder-launched missiles were among the items carried off by groups willing to sell them on the black market to terrorist organi-

Western intelligence officials

repeatedly warned al-Qaida's desire to acquire the missiles for use against American and other airliners. The weapons are easy to hide and cost relatively little - from less than \$1.000 to \$100.000 each.

U.S. officials have said thousands of antiaircraft missiles. most of them SA-7s, were looted from Iraqi army stockpiles and remain unaccounted for. The U.S. military initiated a buyback program for surface-to-air missiles in August 2003, paying as much as \$500 apiece. Although hundreds were acquired, military officials have said that thousands remain in circulation.

Iraqi television airs confessions of foreign rebels

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government television station broadcast confessions of what it said were Arab and foreign terrorists who infiltrated the country's porous borders to fight against U.S.-led

coalition forces.

The confessions, aired several times over the weekend, were publicized as U.S. and Iraqi forces amassed around Fallujah for an anticipated showdown with fighters in the insurgent stronghold.

Iraqi officials say the fight there is against foreign fighters and "terrorists," and not the people of Fallujah.

The station, Iraqiya, showed 19 Arab males aged 20 to 40, dressed in blue jumpsuits and lined up against a wall while the camera

panned their pale, bearded faces. An announcer read a statement accusing the prisoners "of carrying out mass killings, sabotage, inciting sectarianism and reasim, destroying the economic and the social infrastructure of our people to take us back to the Dark Ages." The 19 included five Syrians, five Saudis, four Jordanians, two Egyptians, two Iranians and one Palestinian. Most were said to have entered the country in October 2003, during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Only two of them, however, said they came to join the insurgency in Iraq. One said he was from the same town in Jordan as Iraq's most feared terrorist mastermind, Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi.

Saleh Said al-Rahmani, of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, said he crossed the Saudi border to Iraq in Ramadan last year to follow "the call," — a term that generally means to carry the message of Islam.

A young Palestinian, Tayseer Hassan Halabi, said he entered Iraq from Syria where he lived temporarily. "I came to Iraq when the war started to join the fighters," he said. Halabi said he made contacts with insurgents only after arriving in Iraq.

Iraqiya said the 19 were among 167 people arrested recently by Iraqi police and who are now under interrogation.



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Soldiers with the 14th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division prepare backpacks on the ramp of their

14th Cavalry delivers backpacks

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

During a routine mission Saturday in northwestern Iraq, soldiers with the 14th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division popped into a remote school

and handed out 150 backpacks and toothbrushes. The visit was a spur-of-the-moment stop for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team members aimed at helping a school that troops haven't visited in a year, said Maj. Brian Grady, with Company B of the 448th ivil Affairs Battalion.

Soldiers piled up backpacks filled with school supplies and warnings about unexploded ordnance on the ramps of two Strykers while soldiers and translators asked the school principal to let the children out of class to have at them.

After the mad rush for supplies and plenty of young smiles, the Strykers closed up and headed back to their mission along the Syrian border.

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Engineer Support Variant Strykers, with a front sweeping apparatus, plow along roadsides and find explosives before a convoy does.

The South Africandeveloped Buffalo, called "Al Jamoose" in Arabic, can pick up and examine explosives. It's built to withstand a massive explosion and is a new tool in the Army's anti-bomb arsenal.

PHOTOS BY JULIANNA GITTLE



Stryker Brigade Combat Team makes a clean sweep By JULIANA GITTLER The engineers have two basic. The Buffalo, called Al Jamoose. Morak and Set. Jason Harris. vov. In the three weeks they've

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING
BASE MAREZ, Iraq — Before
the convoys roll out, members of
the 73rd Engineer Company of
the 1st Brigade (Stryker Brigade
Combat Team), 25th Infantry Division make sure they have a

smooth passage.

The company's soldiers sweep the roadsides for bombs and help dig out anything they find. In the three weeks they've been in Iraq, they've uncovered a number of bombs and tank rounds burrowed into roadside dit!

missions: They reinforce the camp to protect it from the daily barrage of mortars, and they make sure the convoys can move safely.

The latter involves nerves of

steel and help from a few new toys in the Army's anti-bomb arsenal: a Stryker modified to sweep for explosives and a mine-clearing device created in South Africa called the Buffalo, a hulking mass of metal with a long arm capable of digging out explosives.

Days ago, engineers doing a Stryker sweep came across a mound of dirt on a convoy route. in Arabic, was summoned to investigate.

"It looked like a dump truck had dropped down some dirt," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Morak, section sergeant with the mobility support platoon. "It wasn't there before so we checked it out."

The Buffalo team dug around and, using cameras attached to the mechanical arm, picked up and examined the contents — three 125 mm tank rounds.

Someone was trying to mess up a convoy, said Capt. Kevin Golinghorst, company commander. Morak and Sgt. Jason Harris, the two Buffalo operators, investigate anything suspicious, such as garbage, dead animals and

garbage, dead animals and mounds of dirt. If they find anything, the cameras allow a safe, closer look, where they check for wires or anything out of the ordinary.

"Anything that's out there that looks suspicious," Morak said. "We've used the arm quite a bit."

The Buffalo works in tandem with a Stryker designed with a device in front to sweep over and detonate explosives. The two vehicles precede nearly every convoy. In the three weeks they've been in the country, the engineer Strykers have taken out explosives three times.

Before the current company arrived, a bomb blew up under a modified Stryker belonging to the unit they replaced, destroying three of the eight tires. The vehicle rolled bome on its remaining wheels and the soldiers inside were unharmed. The modified Strykers "are doing what they were designed to do," Golinghorst said. "The soldiers were blackl out that afternoon."

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Vehicles now armored for unit that refused mission

BAGHDAD - A U.S. Army supply unit whose members refused a dangerous fuel delivery mission last month has now fitted its vehicles with armor to protect against attack, the military said Saturday

Eighteen soldiers from the 343rd Ouartermaster Company. a Reserve unit based in Rock Hill, S.C., refused to drive a fuel convoy last month from Tallil air base near Nasiriyah to Taji north of Baghdad, insisting their vehicles were not properly outfitted and the fuel was contaminat-

The mission later was carried out by other troops in the unit, which has at least 120 soldiers, the military said. Their com-mander was later relieved, but senior officers denied the fuel was contaminated.

In a statement Saturday, the military said the unit was still carrying out inspection, maintenance and training, and had resumed limited operations.

"Specifically, they are supporting convoy missions by provid-ing gun truck escorts and crews

manders and crew members in the vehicles of sister units," the statement said. "The 343rd expects to resume fuel delivery missions, with their own vehicles, in the near future.

The statement said all the unit's M931 Tractors and 5-ton gun trucks have been fitted with fabricated armor In addition all Humvees have factory add-on armor, the statement said

The command declined com ment on possible punishment for soldiers who refused the supply mission because the investigation was ongoing.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, right, meets Sunday with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa in Cairo, Egypt, Talks focused on the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Irag.

Syrian government pledges tighter control of Iraqi border

By SALAH NASRAWI The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - With preparations under way for U.S. Marines to storm Fallujah, a stronghold of foreign and Iraqi insurgents, Syria pledged Sunday it will do all it can to stop infiltration through its border with Iraq.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa said during a short visit to Cairo to discuss the deteriorating situation in Iraq that a conference to be held in Egypt later this month will help stabilize Syria's war-torn neighbor

"We are with Iraq's security and with halting this cross-border infiltration into Iraq," al-Sharaa told re-porters after his meeting with President Hosni

Iraq's interim government and the United States have been pushing Iraq's neighbors, especially Syria, to secure their borders to prevent foreign fighters from neighboring Arab states and elsewhere to enter Iraq and attack coalition forces.

Middle East states and the powerful Group of Eight industrial nations are expected to throw their support behind the Iraqi interim government's efforts toward stability at a global conference scheduled Nov. 22-23 in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik. China, the United Nations, the Arab League the Organization of Islamic Conference and the European Union also will participate.

Al-Sharaa said Iraq's interior minister, Falah Naqib, was due in Damascus soon to sign an agreement on cooperating to control the porous border.

Iraqi authorities have closed a border crossing point with Syria, and U.S. troops have sealed the main highway into Fallujah, Iraq, where about

10,000 U.S. troops are massing for a major assault. An estimated 1,200 hardcore insurgents are believed to be operating in Fallujah — at least half of them Iragis. They are bolstered by cells believed to have up to 2,000 fighters in the surrounding towns

and countryside. On other issues, al-Sharaa said he and Mubarak discussed the situation in the Palestinian territories in view of Yasser Arafat's grave illness. He called on rival Palestinian factions to pull together.

"National unity is the key to achieving Palestinian rights and national consensus is essential to regain ing the occupied territories," al-Sharaa said.

150 Army reservists to help augment SETAF mission to Afghanistan

Some to stay in Vicenza, some to deploy

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Vicenza SETAF

Augmentation Unit

BY KENT HARRIS Stare and Strings

VICENZA, Italy - About 150 Army reservists in Europe will be mobilized in a few weeks to support the Southern European Task Force (Airhorne) mission to Afghanistan.

Some members of the SETAF Augmentation Unit, 330th Rear Operations Center and the 7th Army Reserve Command's headquarters will be sent to Southwest Asia. Others will stay behind and take roles in rear detachments.

Brig. Gen. Richard M. Tabor, the 7th ARCOM commander, said the mobilization might last for up to two years. He said it would be the second time some are called up in as many years, following a brief stint to sun-

operations in Irag. Such call-ups

are becoming second nature in the unit. Tabor said. "They knew exactly what they were getting into

came members of the ARCOM." 7th said in a telephone interview. "It's not a matter of if but when they're going to be mobilized."

That date is Nov. 23 for soldiers such as Maj. Sana Mason and Sgt. 1st Class Lara Both are mem-

Augmentation hased in Vicenza. But both live in Germany and don't hold full-time

Mason's husband retired from active-duty

service and holds a civilian job with the military. He'll

tive-duty husband based in Ho-

watching

9-year-old

over their

daughter. Pe-

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He'll just have to take care of a few fish

henfels, Germany.

"He's responsible," Pedraza said with a smile. "I'm not wor-

Mason said she's known the move would happen for a while.

"When I read in the paper that SETAF was going to go, I knew it right away," she said. During the last mobilization, she was sent to the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. She talked with pride about getting out tons of gear for 1st Armored Division troops.

"There's mixed feelshe ings. "Sure said I'll miss my family. But there's the sense of duty to your country and knowing what you do impor-



tant." Pedraza, who finished 10-year active-duty stint in 2002, had just applied for a civilian job when she heard the news. But she's got no complaints.

'I love the uniform " she said "I raised my hand. It was my duty to do

Both women will probably not be deployed to Afghani-But that stan. hasn't been determined vet.

"SETAF hasn't given us a definite idea on who's going and staying. but we have a pretty good idea," said ster Sgt. Mark Saddler, who will be the SETAF reserve unit's rear detachment NCO.

Most of those going to Afghanistan are currently training with their active-duty counternarts Grafenwöhr, Germany.

The deployment is likely to start in late winter or early

The 330th based in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and elements of the 7th ARCOM headquarters will join SETAF — leading the mission - and a number of other active-duty units from Germany and the States.

Col. Wesley Forystek, the SETAF Augmentation commander, said in a phone interview that his troops bring a variety of specialized skills when they activate. Most spent time in the active-duty forces and currently hold civilian jobs.

Those assigned to the SETAF unit live in a handful of countries around Europe, with a few from the States. Forystek said the reservists were blending well with their active-duty counterparts in 'team-building across the entire staff.

"They're all standing tall and looking good."

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Guardsman loses Iraq deployment challenge

But case against stop-loss program continues

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - A National Guard soldier ordered to duty in Iraq is challenging the military's stop-loss program and asking a judge to block the military from involuntarily extending his enlist-

The program has been criticized as a back-door draft by some lawmakers, including Democrat Sen. John Kerry, who lost in Tuesday's presidential elections to George W. Bush.

U.S. District Judge Frank Damrell Jr. refused to grant an injunction stopping the soldier's transfer to Iraq later this month because his California National Guard enlistment does not expire until May. However, if the soldier prevails in his challenge, he can be returned home by court order, the judge said Friday.

The stop-loss program extends enlistment during war or national emergencies. It could keep tens of thousands of personnel in the military beyond their expected time of service

The Army National Guardsman, identified only as John Doe to prevent harassment or reprisal against him or his family, argues that the policy doesn't apply to the National Guard

His lawyers said the provision can legally be used only when Congress declares war, and not in Iraq.

"He's being deprived of his liberty under an order he charged as unlawful," at torney Joshua Sondheimer said Saturday.

Justice Department attorney Matthew Lepore defended the policy, saying it was authorized by an emergency executive order signed by Bush three days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks

The Sacramento-based soldier is an eight-year veteran with combat experience who is married with two children. Court papers said the soldier's family faces financial hardship because of his extended absence from his civilian job

He signed up under a National Guard program for veterans that offers military education and family medical benefits for a one-year trial. Before that term expired he was called up for an 18-month tour that will extend his enlistment by nearly a year.

Last week, the Army agreed to honor-ably discharge Capt. Jay Ferriola, who was told to go to Iraq even though he had notified the Army he was resigning.

Vet sues Army for being called back

HONOLULU - A veteran of the first Persian Gulf War is suing the Army after it ordered him to report for duty 13 years after he was honorably discharged from active duty and eight years after he left the reserves.

Kauai resident David Mivasato received word of his reactivation in September, but he says he believes he completed his eight-year obligation to the Army long

"I was shocked," Miyasato said Friday "I never expected to see something like that after being out of the service for 13

His federal lawsuit, filed Friday in Honolulu, seeks a judgment declaring that he has fulfilled his military obligations. Assistant U.S. Attorney Harry Yee said

his office would defend the Army. He declined to comment further. An Army spokewoman at the Pentagon declined to comment to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Miyasato, 34, was scheduled to report

to a military facility in South Carolina on Within hours of filing the lawsuit, how-

ever, Miyasato received a faxed letter from the Army's Human Resources Command saying his "exemption from active

duty had not been finalized at this time' and that he has been given an administrative delay for up to 30 days, said his attor-nev. Eric Seitz.

Miyasato, his wife, Estelle, and their 7-month-old daughter, Abigail, live in Lihue, where he opened an auto-tinting shop two years ago.

His lawsuit states that Mivasato is suing not because he opposes the war in Iraq, but because his business and family would suffer "serious and irreparable harm" if he is required to serve.

Miyasato enlisted in the Army in 1987 and served in Iraq and Kuwait during the first Persian Gulf War as a petroleum supply specialist and truck driver.

Mivasato said he received an honorable discharge from active duty in 1991. then served in the reserves until 1996 to fulfill his eight-year enlistment commit-

The Army announced last year that it would involuntarily activate an estimated 5,600 soldiers to serve in Iraq, Afghani-stan and elsewhere. Army officials would be tapping members of the Individual Ready Reserve — military members who have been discharged from the Army, Army Reserve or the Army National Guard, but still have contractual obligations to the military.

Troops ease tension with 'Ben-Hur' chariot race

Marines slated for Fallujah assault participate in pre-attack diversion

By EDWARD HARRIS

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq -For U.S. Marines awaiting orders to attack Irag's rebel-held Fallujah, the bags are packed, trucks are loaded and letters have been sent home, leaving one final, pre-assault diversion: the "Ben-

Blowing off steam, hundreds of Marines took their cue from the 1959 Charlton Heston classic and gathered Saturday at a base near Fallujah for a slapstick chariot featuring cobbled-together carts and confiscated Iraqi horses.

These men are about to face the greatest personal and professional tests of their lifetimes, said Lt. Col. Willy Buhl, com mander of 3rd Battalion, 1st Ma-

"We wanted to lighten things up, take the tension off what we're about to do," said the 42-year-old commander from Los Gatos, Calif., who dreamed up the "First Annual 'Ben-Hur' Memorial Chariot Race.'

The Marine charioteers, wearing togas over their body armor. waved baseball bats done up as spiked maces and jumped into carts forged from cast-off vehicle parts. The makeshift chariots were pulled by Iraqi horses commandeered from looters in the

Some 10,000 U.S. troops have encircled Fallujah, a city 40 miles west of Baghdad, to attack Sunni Muslim fighters there - if the final go-ahead is given by Iraq's interim Prime Minister Avad Al-

> U.S. jets pounded Fallujah early Saturin the heaviest airstrikes in six months - including five 500-pound hombs

dropped on insurgent tar-Insurgets. gents struck elsewhere in Iraq central suicide with bombs. car

more than 30



U.S. Marines of the 1st Division try to control a horse as they stage a chariot race reminiscent of the Charlton Heston movie "Ben-Hur," complete with confiscated Iraqi horses, at their base outside Fallujah, Iraq, on Saturday. For Marines tapped to lead an expected attack on insurgent-held Fallujah the race was a welcome pre-assault diversion.

people and wounding dozens, including more than 20 Americans. Falluiah is believed to be the

headquarters of militant groups including some responsible for the wave of car bombings and beheadings of foreign and Iraqi hostages. By capturing the insurgent sanctuary, U.S. and Iraqi government forces hope to restore enough order nationwide to enable the country to hold a general election by the end of January.

On Saturday, Marines who endure daily mortar and rocket fire packed unneeded personal belongings into shipping crates, loaded up their Humvees and spoke of what they expected was the last mail pickup for some

Tension and anticipation ran

high among the young Marines surrounding Fallujah, many of whom have never tasted combat.

"We're ready to go. I'm just ready to get this done. I want to go and kill people, so we can go home," said Lance Cpl. Joseph Bowman, 20, from North Zulch, Texas. "Kill them and go home, that's all we can do now.

But first, the Marines had a little fun with the horses

"Friends, Romans, Marines: Lend me your ears for the rules." bellowed the master of ceremo-- Capt. Jonathan Vaughn, 30, of Cleveland, "If all horses die before the finish line, whichever makes it the farthest, wins.

Vaughn's rule seemed prudent since some of the horses didn't look in prime racing shape, although none died. And the race come off exactly planned - one steed turned on its charioteer in the first race and tried to hite the Marine - who fended the horse off with a wood-

Instead of chariot-to-chariot races, the Marines held timed heats. Among the highlights for the assembled Marines: When the camp dog, Butch, limped onto the racecourse and grazed on the horses' droppings.

en trident, drawing loud cheers.

A weapons team duo eventually prevailed in the final heat. The horse ran straight over the finish line, scattering Marine bystanders and slamming snout-first into sand-filled barriers. The horse was unhurt.



for the "Ren-Hur" race

Bonded by stars

Chief petty officer shares love of stargazing with teenage daughter

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Strines

NAPLES, Italy — Senior Chief Petty Officer Chris Stein has his

head in the stars. Stein has been an amateur astronomer for more than two decades, looking at galaxies, nebulae, planets, moons and comets in his snare time.





Senior Chlef Petty Officer Chris Stein

Stein is an amateur

astronomer who has found that his love for stargazing is shared by his teenage daughter. Job: Senior enlisted leader with Navy Legal Service Office

Europe and Southwest Asia. Stein has been in the Navy for 23 years Age: 41

Family: Wife, Sarah; daughter,

Hometown: Greenfield, Ind.

... security comes from within ... and the security

of all men is founded

upon the security of

the individual.

"I took astronomy in high school," he said. "My high school was fortunate enough to have a planetarium. That's where the hug hit me

Enlisting after graduation, Stein has carried a variety of telescopes with him over the past 23 years, including to his most recent tour as the senior enlisted leader of the Navy Legal Service Office Europe and Southwest Asia in Naples.

His current telescope - he jokingly calls a "watermelon can-non" — is a \$5,300, 18-inch reflecting telescope he bought last year. When assembled, it stands about "This is the purchase of a life-

time," he said. "This thing is a light bucket - it sucks up pho-"The planets in this thing look

just like the pictures in a text(book)," he said. "You can see Saturn in an eyepiece and . you can see the rings within the rings, and the banding on Saturn itself

"Then, of course, seeing the banding and festoons and the whirlpools and the red spot on Jupiter with its five moons," he added

Despite decades of stargazing, Stein said he'll never tire of the hobby and never run out of things

"You're always finding different (things) in objects vou've



PHOTOS BY JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

least neace begins at home

through a special bond brought

"I think there are not too many fathers and daughters doing things (together)," she said. "It's usually the mom and the daughter. I think it's kind of

The astronomy bug hasn't bit-ten mom Sarah, although at the

urging of husband and daughter

she can occasionally be coaxed to

Stein has tried to introduce oth-

'I (also) hope to coordinate a

ers into the hobby. He's taken his

telescope to the base school's ca-

night or weekend (and go some-where) close by and hook the school into it," he said. "Maybe

the parents and kids could come

If the children - or parents -

are star-struck themselves, Stein

said, getting into the hobby isn't

as difficult or expensive as they

"The cheapest and probably the most recommended way to

get into the hobby is ... to get your-

said. "With binoculars you can ex-plore whether or not this is some-

thing you really want to invest

self a good set of binoculars,

the telescope.

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may think.

by a shared love of astronomy.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Chris Stein and his 14-year-old daughter, Erin, have bonded over their shared love of stargazing. "I think there are not too many fathers and daughters doing things (together)," Erin said. "It's usually the mom and the daughter. I think it's kind of cool."

seen many, many times and that's the fun part of it," he said. "The real night sky, when you look up there, is just filled with

Since his arrival in Naples last vear, he's been out stargazing only a few times.

"I don't get near the time to do this that I want," he said. "One, I'm pretty busy; two, the sky here in Italy during the summer months is nasty, full of dust and stuff blowing in from Africa.

"But the winter time, the atmo-sphere settles down," he said. There's not as much heat in the atmosphere, and by far the majority of the neat stuff is up.

This year he said he expects to spend more nights and weekends with his eye to the sky.

Even though astronomy means spending a lot of time away from home - or at least outside of the home — it doesn't mean time away from his family.

The astronomy bug has also bitten his 14-year-old daughter,

"She was 6 years old in '96 when I got back into it (heavily), he said. "The first time we took her out we were able to show her something other than stars.

"One star looks like the next in a telescope, more or less," he said. "But when you can go out and see stars, and glob clusters and galaxies ... that hooked her. When she knows I'm bringing out the 'big gun,' she says 'Oh, I want

"I just think it's cool," said a ninth-grader at Naples High School. "I love globula clusters, they're big clusters of stars, and I like nebulae.

"I think it makes me feel special," she said. "For all we know we're just this one small area in all of that (sky). There has to be

something else out there. "Let's just hope they come in peace," Erin said.

For father and daughter, at

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more money and time into.



Stein sets up the \$5,300, 18-inch reflecting telescope he bought last year. When assembled, it stands about 9 feet tall. "This is the purchase of a lifetime." Stein said.

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General leads charge against sexual assault

The Washington Pos

WASHINGTON - Sexual assaults by servicemembers against colleagues have dogged the military recently because of increased re ports of such attacks in Kuwait. Iraq and Afghanistan and a blistering Pentagon task force report earlier this year that said the De fense Department wasn't doing enough to help victims or punish offenders.

The Defense Department has turned to an experienced Air Force commander and educa-tor to develop a global plan for combating the

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of the new Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, is setting out to change attitudes and educate hundreds of thousands of people about the sensitive topic.

She envisions the most successful approach as one that capitalizes on the military's "team" concept to train soldiers and officers about what is and is not acceptable behavior. "The military is a team. Successful teams are based on people who rely on each other, who can trust each other," McClain said in a re-cent interview at the Pentagon. "An assault on one is an assault on the team

And who would want to weaken the team by attacking a teammate? Who would want to steal something from someone you have to rely on in combat? It is this logic that she thinks can break through.

"Our culture will allow us to make great progress," she said, "It's a difficult subject to discuss because it's personal, because it's sexual, and we as a society don't deal well with

McClain said the military could be a great model for dealing with sexual assault if the right policies are set up and followed.

According to the Pentagon, there were 901 cases of alleged assault throughout the De fense Department in 2002 and 1,012 in 2003, numbers that high-ranking Pentagon officials believe represent a fraction of the actual cases because victims often are reluctant to come forward

The task force also found that the military is failing to protect female soldiers and isn't adequately punishing offenders.

McClain said she is focused on bringing to gether what she called a "fragmented effort" to deal with sexual assault across the military services, one that has major gaps and is in need of a single point of authority to provide direction. McClain is now that single point of authority.

"We have the opportunity to have a far-reaching, long-lasting impact," McClain said. "There are a million people in the Department of Defense, and we can put together a program that will hopefully make these peonle more safe and more secure

McClain is leading an eight-person team that first came together recently, a team that aims to improve prevention, ensure support for victims and ensure offender accountabili-

McClain's team will first work to provide a militarywide definition of sexual assault, one that she hopes will be clear, in plain English and applicable under current military law. She said there is confusion in the field over what constitutes a sexual assault

"You have to draw your boundaries very clearly," she said.

A recent conference of 150 people from all military services recommended that the department look at five areas, the first of which was coming up with a definition of sexual as sault. They also recommended working on how to improve reporting, how to increase transparency in response efforts while also protecting servicemembers' privacy, how to improve the response capability and how to treat foreign nationals who are involved in sevual assault cases. An Oct. 6 summit with top defense leaders gave a go-ahead to McClain's groups to work on those recommendations.

McClain opened her Arlington, Va., office Oct. 12 and has begun organizing, doing strate gic planning and getting ready to develop the groundwork for dealing with sexual assault across the military

"Society is grappling with it just as we are grappling with it," she said, expressing dis-may that because sexual assault is so underreported, it is affecting far more people than the statistics show

McClain said her focus will be on education and training, areas she is experienced in. She most recently was deputy director of operations for technical training at the Headquar-ters Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. She has three previous commands, leading the 314th Mission Support Group at Little Rock Air Force Base; the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas: and the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

A major part of the educational effort will be to encourage people to come forward when they've been attacked and to break down bar-



Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain has developed a global plan to combat sexual assaults in the U.S. military.

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain

Title: Commander, Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. Education: Bachelor's degree in secondary education, Oklahoma State University;

master's in public administration, Troy State University; student, NATO Defense College, Rome

Family: Single; a son and two granddaughters

Career highlights: Deputy director of operations for technical training, headquarters, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; commander, 314th Mission Support Group, Little Rock Air Force Base; commander. Air Reserve Personnel Center. Denver; commander, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas; director for manpower, personnel and support, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith,

Pastimes: Yoga The Washington Post

riers to reporting. McClain said sexual assault investigations can often cause a stigma to victims, further isolating them and causing increasing psychological damage.

McClain said her efforts could cause more cases to be reported and investigated, but she thinks the military is prepared to handle the influx of cases.

"If you can prevent it, you don't have to worry about responding," McClain said.
"That's our goal, to prevent it from happening. ... The hardest part is getting them to understand and change some attitudes. It is an educational effort just as it is in society.

Alleged rape victim declared

CHERRY HILL, N.J. lieutenant in the New Jersey National Guard - sent home after she was allegedly raped on a Mississippi base — has been de-clared absent without leave in an attempt to force her to return to her old unit, her lawyer charged.

Attorney Frederick Klepp said the Army has not responded to his proposal that the lieu-tenant be allowed to report to a New Jersey base to avoid prose cution. She would then begin the process of leaving the Guard, Klepp said

The woman told The Orego nian newspaper she met the alleged attacker Aug. 8 at a bar at Camp Shelby, where she was stationed.

The man also is an officer in the 278th Armored Cavalry Reg-

She refused an invitation to his quarters and turned down his request to go home with her, she said. He persisted, she said, and followed her home and turned up in her room, where he allegedly raped her. She said the Army initially

did not want to grant her conva-lescent leave. A base chaplain, however, helped persuade thorities to let her return to her New Jersey home. Klepp said she has been in counseling.

"I completely do not trust anything military at this point," she told the newspaper.

But she has since learned that until she returns to her unit, she can be prosecuted in military court for being AWOL. Capt. Brett Carter in the judge advocate general's office at Camp Shelby refused to com-ment to The Oregonian, which first reported the story Friday. "She is being processed for being AWOL" while the investicontinues. he We're diligently working on it as quickly as we can.

Sniper competition teaches real-world techniques

BY ELLIOTT MINOR

The Associated Press

FORT BENNING, Ga. - Cpl. Eugenio Mendoza, a young veteran of the Iraq war, had to carry his buddy for 50 yards, scale an 8-foot wall and crawl through a water-logged tunnel at the 4th International Sniper Competition, where the challenges are designed to simulate combat scenarios in Afghanistan and Iraq

"It's good stuff we never thought about." said Mendoza. 27. a sniper with the Army's 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, "We're definitely going back and use what we've learned in these events."

Military snipers are skilled marksmen who are trained to kill key enemy targets - usually with one shot over distances that would be considered impossible for regular soldiers armed with M-16 rifles Sponsored by the sniper school, the

five-day competition that ended Friday is designed to test the marksmen's ability to fire at targets up to 800 meters away, to stalk and conceal themselves, to fire from a variety of positions after strenuous physical exertion and to quickly pick out a villain holding hostages and then deliver a lethal shot The competitors included 18 Army and

Air Force teams from as far away as Alaska and two teams from the Canadian Army.

Staff Sgt. Larry Davis, sergeant in charge of the competition, said the military is putting more emphasis on snipers.

"The leaders realize that we're the eves and ears for them. A sniper team is like the perfect smart bomb," Davis said. "We're out front and, based on a command decision, we can take out the threat. And we're not flying a \$30 million airplane.

One of the new events added this year was firing from a helicopter. It proved to be a challenge for the shooters and the pilots, organizers said.

"All these are based on scenarios that are going on," said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Velez of the Army's Sniper School at Fort Benning. "This is not just about winning a trophy. It's sharing the knowledge. The end result is doing your job."

Snipers work in two-person teams consisting of the shooter, armed with a pistol

armed with a pistol and a M-14 or M-16 rifle. The M-24 sniper rifle with a telescopic sight is a military version of the 7.62 mm Remington 700 hunting rifle.

Mendoza's partner, Cpl. Nicholas Romero, another Iraq war veteran from the 101st Airborne, said the competition was

"I learned a lot from the other teams said Romero, a Cocoa Beach, Fla., native. Master Sgt. Cecil Lay, an Air Force snip-

er training supervisor from Camp Robin-son, Ark., said the Air Force has stepped up its sniper training and now has two fe male snipers, a job traditionally reserved

"With all the stuff going on in the war, the Air Force saw the need for the same training as the Army," Lay said.

Tuskegee Airmen fete 60th anniversary

WWII black pilots mark creation of advanced combat training program at S.C. base

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON S.C. - In the era of Jim Crow - when the Army brass didn't think blacks were capable of flying — a group of minority pilots changed the way the military looked at race.

The Tuskegee Airmen, their ranks thinning as the World War II fighter pilots age, reunited Friday for a breakfast in Columbia the first of several gatherings planned for the weekend.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the creation in 1944 of the advanced combat training program for the black airmen at a small Army Air Force base in Walterboro, S.C.

The program had started three years earlier in Tuskegee, Ala. In all, almost 1,000 pilots would be trained, 450 deployed overseas and 150 would lose their lives in training or combat.

The pilots deployed to North Africa and Europe flew support mis sions including strafing enemy ammunition dumps, rail lines and highways. Later, the airmen flew escort for hombers

Including ground support per sonnel, there were about 14,000 Tuskegee Airmen, said 85-year-old Hiram E. Little Sr., a retired school teacher from Atlan-

To the military, the program at first was simply "an experiment to prove the Negro could not fly and fight," said Herbert Carter, of Tuskegee, who went on to a 25-year career in the military. 'We were just determined that



Karl Miller, left, of Manning, S.C., thanks Tuskegee Airman Leroy Bowman for his service to the United States at an air and groudn show in Camden, S.C., on Friday. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the creation in 1944 of the Tuskegee Airmen advanced combat training program at a base in Walterboro, S.C.

all we wanted was an opportunity," he says.

first squadron were trained, the Army delayed deploying the unit for months

to England wanted this all-black squadron," said Carter, 85. "They said it would create problems.

no white personnel would take or-

ders from black officers. The Negro press and other organizations and sympathizers brought pressure on the War Department to do something about this unit."

could handle anything asked of

None of the bombers escorted were lost during World War II. al-

It wasn't until the late 1970s that the airmen began to receive recognition for what they had

Now, through conventions and meetings, the group wants to pass its story to future generations. People with an interest in the history and in getting young people involved in aviation can join the airmen.

"We're trying to bring new people in as we die there will be someone to keep the Tuskegee Airmen going for the future," Little said

The reunion, which ran through Sunday, will include a breakfast, banquet and visits with school children in Columbia. The airmen will also appear at the Celebrate Freedom Festival air show in Camden, S.C.

Looking back, Carter says he feels sorry for those officers all those years ago who could not see beyond the color of a soldier's skin. He said he feels "pure pity for the people who are so biased and prejudiced in their ways that they can't accept a person on their own individual merits.

Little says the airmen helped open doors for those who followed

"We are proud of the fact that maybe the record those pilots made overseas paved the way for the young people of all races who volunteer for military service," he

But even after the pilots of the

'No commander from Burma

"They were firmly convinced

The airmen then proved they

by Tuskegee Airmen fighters though 66 of the fighter pilots lost

Admiral takes over helm of Northern Command

their lives and 33 other fighter pi-

lots were shot down and taken

At war's end, the airmen re

"We were not so naive as to

"When we returned after V-E

turned to a nation where little had

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change that much," he said.

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tack on America.

NORTHCOM' he said "Under 44 We have a formidable, layered defense in his leadership. our nation is safer than

once was." A few months ago. Eberhart warned that the next terror at-

tack likely would come by sea because of porous security and the failure to ascertain the contents of the thousands

ican ports daily.

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some suggest. containers that flood into Amer-

"We have a formidable, layered defense in place that is active and effective right now," he said. "That's not to say we won't look at it carefully and make changes in the weeks and months ahead. There is a lot more going on right now than most of us know, and that's important. We want to make sure the terrorists understand that they can't hurt us

Keating vows to enhance national maritime security to prevent terror attack by sea clear, biological or chemical atdreds of military personnel and targets: two State of the Union ad-

BY DAVID KELLY Los Angeles Times

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Reflecting grow ing fears that a major terror attack could come by sea, a top U.S. naval officer officially took over the U.S. Northern Command Friday, vowing to enhance maritime security nationwide. Adm. Timothy J. Keating, who

is replacing retiring Air Force Gen. Ralph Eberhart, said terrorists think that America's ports are vulnerable. "It hasn't received a lot of atten-

tion because of the way they came at us on Sept. 11," he told reporters. "It may not be our biggest vulnerability, but it might be the way that terrorists think they might best attack us.

NORTHCOM was established two years ago to coordinate homeland defense efforts alongside the North American Aerospace De-fense Command, or NORAD, which patrols the skies daily with along with Canadian forces

Keating took control of both commands in a solemn ceremony here Friday, attended by hundignitaries such as Deputy U.S. Secretary of Defense Paul Wol-

fowitz and Chair. man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard Gen.

cold-blooded murder of 3,000 Americans and citizens of many other countries Sept. 11 put us once again in the middle of a war we didn't go looking for, a war that came to us Wolfowitz said "The defense of our homeland de-

pends today on

the work of Northern Command. This is a long, hard fight. But make no mistake, it's a fight we will win."

The secretary said NORTH-COM had been successful in keeping the country safe during events seen as potential terrorist

dresses, two national political conventions, the G-8 Summit in Geor-

> place that is active and effective right now. That's not to say we won't look at it carefully and make changes in the weeks and months ahead. We want to make sure the

terrorists understand that

they can't hurt us there. Adm. Timothy J. Keating

New head of LLS Northern Command gia and the funeral of Ronald Rewell speech Friday, the general

agan, along with other events. warned against complacency. Eberhart, a former fighter pilot "What is important today is a fuwho flew 300 combat missions in ture where we must not become Vietnam, was lauded as a warrior apathetic," Eberhart said. "Every and visionary. His work, Meyers time you are tempted to close said, had lowered the risk of nuyour eyes, see those twin towers explode, see the scar on the Pentagon and that field in Pennsylva-The choice of a naval command-

er to run an operation dominated by Air Force officers reflects the new reality of terrorism that can come from air, land or sea. Keating is a former Navy fight-

er pilot who made 1,200 landings on aircraft carriers and flew combat missions in Operation Desert Storm

He also commanded forces in Bahrain, headed the U.S. 5th Fleet and served as director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After the ceremony, Keating said port security isn't as loose as

there

IN THE WORLD

Mobs attack French targets in Ivory Coast

BY PARFAIT KOUASSI

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Machete-waving mobs looted and burned in Ivory Coast's largest cities Sunday, laying siege to a French military base and searching house to house for French families after a day of ground and air clashes between forces of France and its former colony.

Ivory Coast — its tiny air force destroyed and its airports taken by the French in retaliation for a deadly airstrike on a French peacekeeping position — reluctantly said Sunday it was willing to cease fire and that it was pulling back troops. The move aims to restore a cease-fire with rebels controlling the north that was in place for more than a year until government forces broke it on Thursday.

Still, the government took a defiant tone. Ivory Coast will ask the Security Council for action against France, presidential spokesman Desire Tagro declared on state TV, adding, "We are faced with aggression by one country against another country...

France has come to attack us."
France's punishing military strikes came in retaliation for the Ivory Coast air force's surprise bombing of a French peacekeeping position on Saturday in the north, held by rebels since civil war broke

out in the world's top cocoa producer in September 2002.

France has about 4,000 peacekeepers in Ivory Coast and the United Nations 6,000, trying to hold together a country vital to the stability of the region.

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Saturday's airstrike killed nine French troops and an American consultant working for an aid group.

About 250 French troop reinforcements landed Sunday at Abidjan's international airport, which was taken by France late Saturday after it destroyed what it said was the entire Ivory Coast air force — five helicopter gunships and the two Russian-made Sukhoi warplanes.

The French retaliation sparked a wave of rioting by pro-government mobs in the capital Yamoussoukro and the country's biggest city, Abidjan.

France battled to hold back the mobs, dropping percussion grenades on mobs massing at bridges, the international airport and the military base in Abidjan, French military spokesman Henry Aussawy said.

Foreigners in general were under attack, including hundreds of thousands of immigrants from neighboring Muslim countries.

Pauline Bax, Nafi Diouf and Daniel Balint-Kurti of The Associated Press contributed to this report in Yamoussoukro, Dakar, Sengal, and Abuja, Nigeria,

Demands could ease for hostages' release

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants threatening to kill three kidnapped U.N. workers said they handed over a list Sunday of 26 prisoners, some of them possibly being held by the United States at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who they would exchange for the foreign hostages.

A purported spokesman for the Taliban splinter group claiming to hold the trio also said it might remove its other demands, which include a U.N. withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Talks with the militants could resume on Tuesday.

Neither the United Nations nor the government have confirmed any contact with the kidnappers, though Afghan officials insist they are making progress toward the hostages' release.

Another spokesman for the

Jaish-al Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, said it was represented in the talks by two businessmen acting as go-betweens.

Sadir Momin said the group was "hopeful that the government and the United Nations will accept some of our demands. It is likely that we may relax some of our conditions."

The kidnapping of Annetta Flanigan of Northern Ireland, Angelito Nayan of the Philippines and Shqipe Hebibi of Kosovo was the first against foreigners in Kabul since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

The militants released a videotape of the hostages, fueling concern that they are copying the tactics of insurgents in Iraq.

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The group says Flanigan is alling under the strain of her captivity and that all three are suffering from cold and a diet of little more than cookies



An official walks along a track Sunday as he inspects the wreckage of a derailed train near Newbury, England. An off-duty police officer saw a car drive onto a train crossing and remain there as automatic barriers came down. The train hit the car, killing six people, including the driver of the car.

Macedonians vote on self-rule for Albanians

The Associated Press

SKOPJE, Macedonia — Macedonia's peace process was at a crossroads Sunday as voters cast ballots in a referendum on whether to grant local autonomy to the country's ethnic Albanians.

Voters were considering wheth-

er to annul a law that redrew districts in the Balkan republic and made the ethnic Albanians a dominant force in 16 out of \$4 districts — effectively granting Albanians a large degree of self-rule.

The law was approved by parliament in August as part of a Western-brokered peace deal signed by the government and Albanian rebels three years ago.

But the measure has infuriated

Macedonian hard-liners, who forced the referendum to try and block the reform.

They argue that allowing self-rule for the ethnic Albanians — who make up a quarter of Macedonia's 2 million people — would lead to the country's eventual breakup. The ethnic Albanians mostly live in western parts



A woman casts her referendum ballot Sunday in the village of Vevcani, Macedonia.

of the country, near the border with Albania.

Britain, France, neighboring Albania, as well as Macedonian Prime Minister Hari Kostov, have urged voters to boycott the referendum.

Train hits car on crossing in England; six people die

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH The Associated Press

LONDON — Firefighters and police on Sunday searched the wreckage of a train crash that killed six people and seriously injured 11 others when a train struck a car stopped on the tracks at a crossing, 36 miles west of London.

The locomotive struck the car and derailed at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, killing the train driver, the person in the car and four train passengers, Thames Valley Police said.

An off-duty police officer who happened to be in the area saw the car drive onto the crossing and remain there as automatic barriers blocking one lane on each side of the tracks fell, said Andy Trotter, Deputy Chief Constable of the British Transport

The officer called for emergency services after seeing the train

hit the vehicle. Trotter gave no details about why the car was believed to have stopped on the crossing.

> 44 You could feel it hit the car, breaking hard. !! David White

Train passenger

Emergency workers had freed passengers trapped in the wreckage by 11:30 p.m. Saturday, said the fire couries

But firefighters and police with dogs searched the area until first light to ensure there were no other casualties lying nearby, Trotter said.

Passenger David White, 48, described the crash.

"You could feel it hit the car, breaking hard," he said. "We knew something was happening and the carriages plowed into each other." He said passengers were plunged into complete darkness with people "screaming and shouting on the floor" as tables fell on top of them.

It was the first major accident on Britain's rail network since 2002, when seven people died in a crash at the suburban Potters Bar station north of London. That crash and five other big train accidents killed 59 people over five years from 1997. Several of the crashes were blamed on poorly maintained tracks.

Thames Valley Police said at least eight carriages on the service from London Paddington to Plymouth in southwest England derailed and one was split in two by the force of the impact.

The train was carrying about 300 passengers. Some 80 people were treated at two hospitals for injuries, although many had only minor cuts and bruises, ambulance and hospital officials said.

Spokesman: Arafat still in intensive care



Moroccan-born Badrane Lachab places a candle Sunday at the makeshift shrine for alling Palestinan leader Yasser Arafat in front of the Percy Military Teaching hospital in Clamart, France, outside Paris. Arafat is in intensive care at the hospital.

Israel completes plans for Palestinian leader's burial

BY LARA SUKHTIAN

CLAMART, France — A senior aide to Yasser Arafat said early Sunday the ailing Palestinian leader was not comatose but still in intensive care, adding to the confusion about his fragile health.

"He is not in a coma," Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu Rdeneh, told reporters after coming out of the French military hospital where Arafat has been undergoing treatment for more than a week.

He refused to say if he had seen Arafat personally or to describe his condition further, other than it was stable.

"Right now he is sleeping," Abu Rdeneh

On Friday, Leila Shahid, the Palestinian envoy to France, told French radio the 75-year-old Arafat was in a "reversible coma" and "at a critical point between life and death"

On Saturday, hospital spokesman Gen. Christian Estripeau described Arafat's condition as identical to a day earlier, when he said there had been no change — for better or worse. The hospital has refused to elaborate, citing the family's wishes. It was unclear early Sunday whether Arafat had emerged from a coma or had never been in one — as other Palestinian officials have insisted. Abu Rdeneh said Arafat had undergone

further medical tests and that results were expected within days.

"He is still in the intensive care unit."

"He is still in the intensive care unit," Abu Rdeneh said. Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qure-

Palesuman Prime Minister Annica Queia, in a bid to preserve calm, made a rare visit to the Gaza Strip for talks with rival Palestinian groups. Qureia met for four hours with represen-

Qureia met for four nours with representatives of the 13 major Palestinian factions, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as well as security chiefs, lawmakers and officials of Arafat's Fatah faction. Such a broad gathering is extremely rare.

He was accompanied by Parliament Speaker Rauhi Fattouh, who would step in as a caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority when Arafat dies.

Arafat first fell ill nearly a month ago with symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea. He was airlified to France from his West Bank compound in Ramallah a week ago after briefly passing out. On Wednesday, his condition deteriorated and he was moved to an intensive care unit.

Meanwhile, Israel has completed preparations for the ailing Yasser Arafat to be buried in the Gaza Strip, outlining plans to allow West Bank Palestinians to cross through Israel for the funeral and permitting enemy Arab leaders to attend, securivi officials said Sunday. The decision, announced by Defense Min-

The decision, announced by Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz in a Cabinet meeting, was the latest development in the battle over Arafat's burial. With the Palestinian leader's condition increasingly dire, where to bury him has become a sensitive issue

Palestinian officials have said Arafat wants to be buried in Jerusalem. Israel rejects that demand, citing security concerns and fearing it would strengthen Palestinian claims to the traditionally Arab sector of the city as a future capital.

Israeli officials have suggested Gaza as an alternative, but say they will consider Palestinian wishes for burial elsewhere. They said they have not been contacted by the Palestinians.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said it is inappropriate to discuss the burial issue while Arafat is alive. "I think it's not for the Israelis to decide and I would urge the Israelis to show some sensitivity," Erekat said.

Russians mark Revolution Day with ceremonies

BY MARA D. BELLABY

MOSCOW — Russians marked the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution on Sunday with marches, communist rallies and protests against a parliamentary proposal to scrap what was once the most sacred Soviet holiday.

Some pro-Kremlin lawmakers have proposed replacing the Nov. 7 holiday with a new holiday on Nov. 4 to be called National Unity Day. Russia's lower house of parliament, the State Duma, is expected to consider the measure Wednesday in the first of three required votes.

"This day was and will be a landmark event, and its early leader Gennady Zyuganov said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. "People suffered for this holiday, and no one has the right to trample on our history."

After the collarse of the Soviet Union former

President Boris Yeltsin also wanted to scrap the holiday. In a compromise, it was preserved but renamed the Day of Accord and Reconciliation.

Af least 8,000 Communist Party backers and members of the ultra-nationalist National Bolshewik party gathered Sunday at a square that used to be named after Soviet founder Vladimit Lenin and marched across Moscow toward a statue of Karl Marx. They carried the Soviet hammer-and-sickle flag, a giant portrait of Lenin and banners such as "U.S.S.R. our Homeland," and sang Soviet-era songs.

Criticism of President Vladimir Putin's government, changes to social benefits and complaints about inequality dominated the speeches.

But some also chanted, "America, hands off Lukashenko" is abow of support for the authoritarian leader of neighboring Belarus. Alexander Lukashenko, who has resurrected Soviet-era symbols and institutions and honored now disgraced Soviet-era officials. The United States has accule Lukashenko of human rights violations and threatened Belarus with sanctions.

In Red Square, aging veterans wearing long, belted World War II military costs marched in formation, retracing the steps they took in 1941 when Soviets defiantly celebrated Revolution Day in spite of the Nazi forces massed about 33 miles outside Moscow.



Russian veterans, wearing World War II military coats, lay flowers Sunday at the Tomb of Unknown Soldiers before a parade in Red Square in Moscow. Aging veterans marched along the Red Square to mark the 63rd anniversary of a parade of Soviet troops heading off to the front in 1941, when the Nazi forces massed about 33 miles outside Moscow.

Protesters from the Communist Party and other left-wing groups in the Siberian city of Tomsk carried posters reading. "Hands off Nov. 7!" the Interfax news agency reported. In the Far Eastern Russian city of Khabarovsk, about 600 people gathered in the main Lenin square to sing Internationale, the socialist revolutionary anthem, the ITAR-Tass said. About 1,000 Ukrainians also marked the Soviet

holiday, but some bystanders were cynical.
"Those who make revolutions don't like to work,"
said Oksana Levina, a businesswoman in Kiev. "The
principle of equality kills all initiative."

Saudi opposition seeking 'comprehensive change'

BY NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Thousands of Saudis are planning illegal protests this month in Riyadh and Jiddah to call for political and social change within their conservative Gulf kingdom, an exiled Saudi dissident said Saturday.

Saad al-Fagih, director of the UK-based Movement for Islamic Reform in Arabia, said in a telephone interview from London that he and his supporters have begun preparing for protests slated between Nov. 20 and 30.

Authorities in oil-rich Saudi Arabia have little tolerance for dissent and arrested hundreds of protesters following the last prodemocracy rally in the country, which was held in October 2003 and organized by al-Fagilh's movement, which runs opposition TV and radio stations out of Europe.

Al-Fagilh and other Saudi re-

formists want a liberal, moderate system of government to replace the ruling House of Saud royal family, which holds absolute rule and governs its citizens based on strict Islamic law.

"Saudis want comprehensive change from the status quo," he said. "The leadership has to be transparent and the judiciary has to be independent. The main demand of the people is to change the ruling regime."

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Al-Fagih predicted that between 40,000 and 50,000 people
would take part in this month's
planned protests, but the likelihood of anti-government demonstrations of such proportions
being held in hard-line Saudi Ara-

bia are extremely slim.

The Saudi royal family has absolute power and few dare to challenge it or the law banning public protests. Saudis cannot hold public gatherings to discuss political or social issues and press freedoms are limited.

Hezbollah says it launched its first reconnaissance drone over Israel

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hezbollah sent its first reconnaissance drone into Israeli territory Sunday — flying over Jewish settlements — in response to repeated Israeli violations of Lebanese airspace, the militant Islamic group announced.

In a statement faxed to The Associated Press, Hezbollah said a reconnaissance drone of the Islamic Resistance, the group's military wing, carried out its first flights over "occupied northern Palestine, flying over several Zionist settlements, reaching the coastal settlement of Nahariya and returning safely to its base." Such a flight was believed to be

the first hostile aerial incursion from Lebanon into Israel by guerrillas since Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command members sailed over in 1987 on a hang glider and killed six soldiers before being shot dead.

The Israeli army confirmed that a Hezbollah drone, which Israel claimed was Iranian-made, penetrated Israeli airspace Sunday morning and flew over western Galilee.

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Finally, no more 'undecideds'

The votes are tabulated, the election is over, and thankfully we won't have to hear the phrase "undecided voters" any more ... at least for the next three-plus years. Early in the campaign I wondered about them, who they were, and how much courage it took to stand and say, "I can't make up my mind"... or "I don't have enough in-

My friend, Jimmy, is an undecided voter. But he has had a decision problem most of his life. He was locked in the commissary once - they found him standing in front of the produce rack talking to him-self because he couldn't decide whether to

buy McIntosh or Delicious apples. I suspect that most of the undecideds have such a malady. Deciding to make a decision is not easy. There is always more information available. But if guys like Jimmy would spend more time awake than sleening or dozing, they might know which way to run, which fruit to choose,

which candidate to vote for. Conservative or liberal, the extensive coverage, biased and unbiased, covered us like a New England snowstorm wherever we went. Thank God, it's all over

Bud Colegrove Heidelberg, Germany

Fight for America goes on

The re-election of President Bush brings a sad and fearful morning to America. His words of unity and conciliation ring hollow. As the Bush administration continues its arrogant agenda of isolation and ignorance, freedom-loving Americans who oppose those attempts to further limit civil liberties and who fight an administra-tion grounded in fear and intolerance will find themselves labeled as uncooperative and unpatriotic. It is and old and scary game, one that the Bush machine plays masterfully

As Sen. John Edwards said on Wednesday, the fight to save America has only just begun.

Laurel Samson

Ramstein Air Base Germany

Sex is part of life

In the letter "Sex is a desire, not a need" (Oct. 1), the writer states that sex is not a necessity. That's ridiculous. If all living creatures on this earth refrained from having sex, all life would cease to exist. I do agree sex is sometimes performed because of desire, but then again who's casting stones? Ask the couple who has been trying to get pregnant whether sex is a de-

When my body "needs" salt, I pick up a bag of sunflower seeds. I don't need the sunflower seeds, but it's my way of fulfilling both states, my state of need and my

state of desire.

I don't feel that America is prudish. I do believe that there are more and more people trying to make America a place of strict 17th century taboos. The "my- free-

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dom-infringes-on" tale has raised fears in citizens by issuing court orders because the cigarette that they smoked from their porch four years ago gave their neighbor lung cancer.

Frankly, there is a deeper issue. It doesn't start with the military but with people afraid of progress.

Sgt. McFarland Argentyliz Camp Ferrins/Huggins, Iraq

Unite to fight trash

I couldn't agree more with the writer of "Housing area a mess" (Nov. 2). The Wiesbaden housing areas are reminiscent of the Third World countries to which I routinely deploy. In my 11 permanent changes of station, I have never seen such disgraceful, trash-filled housing areas.

On my way to the Hainerberg chapel each Sunday, I pass overflowing Dumpsters. Each time I take my son to events at the Youth Services gym (on school grounds!) I conduct a one-man police call. Trash, food, and even an old shoe were strewn on our path as recent as Oct. 31. When I recently tried to report a trash problem to the Base Support Battalion housing office, my phone calls were unanswered

The Department of Public Works needs to take significant steps forward to im-prove our housing areas. They could begin by scrubbing the years of mold off the street signs and recycling bins. Residents must step forward and police themselves, too. All too often trash bags are left in front of the Dumpsters because small children are placed on trash detail by mom or dad.

I also blame our fragmented community for the lack of effort. We have numerous ci vilian organizations that don't communicate with one another, stationed along with the 1st Armored Division and 3rd Corps Support Command. No single commander "owns" Wiesbaden and can point to the entire chain of command and say, "Fix it!" Our BSB commander bears the brunt of this lack of unity. We all look to him to police our soldiers and civilians unfair!

It would be easy to blame the deploy-

ments, the city trash collectors. the small size of the new trash receptacles and a myriad other causes. However, we must first clean up our own areas, monitor our children, and hold each other accountable. Pay attention to the bulk trash collection schedule, and don't place junk outside early for neighborhood kids and dogs to rummage through. Make your movers pick up the boxes and packing material, as they are required to. Clean up around your Dumpsters ... the garbage collectors are not required to conduct police calls and pick up litter carelessly tossed aside.

John Coombs

Wiesbaden, Germany

Celebrate adoptions

I want to thank the writer of the letter "Adoption Awareness Month" (Nov. 1) and Stars and Stripes for printing her let-ter. It is very appropriate for my little family of three - myself, my wife and our adopted baby boy — that November is the month our nation celebrates adoptions since our son was born and adopted in the month of November a year ago.

After eight years of trying to have a

child on our own, we were finally able to have a child through adoption. And what a blessing he has been. I remember going in to my hattalion commander and informing him that a young woman out west had picked us to be the parents for her child. He was to be born two days later and my boss's reply: "Here's a four-day pass. Go, get out of here and get yourself a son."

I challenge all military leaders, commissioned and noncommissioned to support adoption as the leaders of my unit have. And I ask those of our military community to encourage young single mothers to consider giving their children a home through adoption.

As a chaplain, I meet many who, for some reason or another, cannot or should not be parents. And there are many childless couples, such as my wife and I, who would make wonderful parents to your child. You can do the right thing by giving that child life and those couples can do the right thing by giving them a home that's ready and waiting just for your child. And the adoption can always be "open," which means the birth mother can have the satisfaction of knowing she did the right thing as the parents send photos or updates of the child's progress throughout the years, which we do annually for the birth mother of our son.

I deployed recently and have been watching my son grow from baby to tod-dler through the Internet and I cannot wait to get home to hug him and play with him. I knew I'd love any child that I would eventually have someday, but I didn't real-ize I'd love him this much. It makes no difference in the world that I didn't physically sire him. You can't tell him or me that we're not father and son. And, by the way, my little sister is adopted. Adoption is great. Let's celebrate it.

Chaplain (Capt.) Christopher W. Degn Victory Annex, Iraq

By GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Message sent: Democrats lack messenger

n the end this was as it began election that essentially was a referendum on the administration of George W. Bush, with John Kerry at times almost incidental to the process.





without the coalition that kept them in the congressional majority for much of the last two-thirds of the past century, must once again search for a message that, as former Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell put it, will restore their identity as a national party. It will be a daunting task requiring an

abandonment of outmoded concepts that have afflicted their leaders and, even more importantly, their po-

If nothing else, this election showed that the nation's conservative stripe has not faded since Ronald Reagan and that, even during these times of terrorism and warfare social issues are a driving force for many voters - that abortion and guns and gay marriage are concerns that coalesce in the Republican base, just as economic consider-ations and liberal causes did for Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy Democrats.

By all historic measurement, the large turnout should not have favored the incumbent, especially in the midst of a war that polls show an increasing number of Americans think was a bad idea. ... Kerry just had to show up, be acceptable and not make any major mistakes. The youth vote, fed by fears of a new military draft and led by iconic rock stars; women who opposed the presi-dent's anti-abortion stance, and the blue-collar work force faced with the prospect of steadily declining viability should over-whelm the polls for him, according to the prognosis, offsetting the evangelicals with their 19th century ideals.

But the results were something else. The 18-to-34 voters, as many political experts privately feared, acted pretty much as they al-ways have — they didn't show up. Ironically, many of those who did were far more conser-

vative than their '60s predecessors.
Instead, the "value" voters over voters overwrought about Kerry's liberal Senate record and party positions on social issues were the ones who did, producing record numbers at polling places almost everywhere. There always was a feeling the pollsters were missing a crucial bloc of the electorate, the white, lower-middle-income voter whose concerns about the loss of jobs was superseded only by their fear that someone would take away their firearms or convince their daughter to terminate a pregnancy. It became real.

Party leaders also believed that they

could overcome Kerry's considerable lack of charisma and his past ambivalence on national issues. His patrician New England upbringing — while potentially off-putting in Middle America - would be displaced, strategists believed, by voter concerns over tradi-tional issues such as the deficit and growing U.S. isolation from the rest of the world

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin saw it otherwise, contending that while Kerry's mouth said one thing, value-oriented voters weren't convinced that his heart matched his rhetoric on things that mattered to them. With Bill Clinton it had been just the opposite. His much humbler upbringing, South-



ern charm and obvious like of people were in sharp contrast to Kerry's stilted, frequently sonorous pronouncements. ... Clinton's abbreviated campaigning for Kerry probably was more a detriment than a help to the nominee because it merely highlighted Kerry's failure to connect, reminding voters what they were missing.
All this leaves Democrats struggling to

find a new means of defining themselves Having lost the White House twice, Congress for 12 years and most of the statehouses, it should be obvious by now that Roosevelt liberalism isn't the answer, "stupid." This is a party sorely in need of some-one ... who understands that this is basically a moderate, mainstream electorate not willing to stray far to the right or the left.

Recapitulating the campaign of 2004, historians are likely to say that the incumbent stayed on message, not swerving throughout an arduous campaign, and remained faithful to his core beliefs and those of his base, right or wrong. Qualities Americans like. In the end, his consistent message carried the referendum

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Nations must reassess now that Bush has new term

demonstrated at the polls that America is still the land of Lincoln, even if Illinois no longer may be. Not since 1864 has the outcome of a war depended on how we

voted. In 1864, military



victory — Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's capture of Atlanta — presaged political victory Without that battlefield triumph to buoy spirits, President Lincoln almost certainly would lost, have 28 war-weary North likely would have preferred dissolution of the Union

to continued conflict. In 2004, political victo-

ry presages military victory. The most immeate losers abroad are the terrorist thugs in Falluiah, who are about to have the hammer fall on them.

The hammer would have dropped on Fallujah in any event - Bush would have been president until January even if Kerry had won - but now al-Qaida and the Baathist remnants in the renegade town know they are going to die in vain. There will be after January no rest, no respite, no sanctuary from President Bush's relentless pursuit.

Another loser is Osama bin Laden. He was reduced to trying to influence our election with a videotape, apparently because his network was unable to pull off here the kind of terrorist atrocities that influenced the Spanish election.

There has been no successful terrorist attack on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001 I'm not at all certain that that would have been the case if Al Gore or John Kerry were president

"People are telling you [this] will be the

most important election of our lives," wrote former Air Force pilot and Web logger Bill Whittle, a Gore supporter in 2000, a few days before the vote. "That is not true. The most important election of your lives was held on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 2000. You just didn't know it. Neither did I.

"What happened on that day led to one man being in the White House these last four years, rather than the other one," Whittle said. "George W. Bush was commander in chief when we needed him most."

The war on terror is likely to outlast a second Bush term. But the president can now

put us far enough down the path to victory that no future Democratic president would want - or be able - to deflect us from it. Now that it is clear that this tough, deter-

mined man will be in the White House for four more years, backed by a majority of the American people and solid majorities in both houses of Congress, those abroad who strew obstacles in our path are undergoing what nundits call "agonizing reassessment Buoyed by Kerry's promise to reopen the

kind of bilateral negotiations under which the Clinton administration gave financial aid to North Korea to not develop nuclear weapons, while permitting North Korea to continue its weapons program in secret, North Korea walked out of six-party talks with the United States, South Korea, Japan, Russia and China, and escalated its anti-American

But North Korea is likely to return to six-party talks on its nuclear programs now that the U.S. presidential election is over. South Korean foreign minister Ban Ki-moon said, according to a South Korean news agen-

European nations that tried to hobble our efforts in Iraq are striving to get back in our good graces: "I hope your second term will provide an opportunity to reinforce the Franco-American friendship," French President Jacques Chirac wrote in a letter to Bush.

The leaders of Spain and Germany and the president of the European Union were also hastening to make nice.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said he 'felt joy" at Bush's re-election.

"International terrorism gave itself the goal of not allowing the re-election of President Bush." Putin said. "Our relations in the

last four years have undergone a big change. for the good of our peoples. ... [Bush is] a reliable and predictable partner. He has proven to be a firm man, with a strong character. and a coherent policy."

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By BRUCE TINSLEY



Rove: Bush nominees to get fair hearings

BY JENNIFER C. KERR The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House expressed confidence Sunday that President Bush's judicial nominees will get a fair hearing in the Senate, despite comments from Republican Sen. Arlen Specter that anti-abortion judges were unlikely to be confirmed by the newly elected Senate.

Chief political adviser Karl Rove said Specter, in line to head the Senate Judiciary Committee, has assured the president that he would make certain that every one of Bush's nominees receives a prompt hearing and an up-or-down vote by the full Senate

"Senator Specter's a man of his word," Rove told Fox News Sunday. "We'll take him at his word."

The Pennsylvania lawmaker is next in line to chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, which would oversee Bush's judicial selections, including any Supreme Court nominations. Last week, Specter told reporters that "judges who would change the right of a woman to choose, overturn Roe v. Wade" probably would face problems in the Senate.

Specter said Bush has had trouble getting some of his nominees through the Senate because of Democratic filibusters. He added: "I would expect the president to be mindful of the considerations which I am mentioning."

Filibusters, a bill-killing tactic of unlimited debate, remain possible in the Senate elected last week because the Republicans' 55-45 majority falls five votes short of the 60 needed to cut off debate.

Specter's comments on the question came a day after he won re-election in Pennsylvania in a tight race in which the president campaigned for him. The remarks outraged conservative groups such as Concerned Women for America, which sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist urging him to prevent Specter from taking the chairmanship.

Specter backtracked the next day, saying he wasn't warning Bush not to makthose kinds of choices. His meaning, Specter said, was that "in light of the repeated fillibusters by the Democrats in the last Senate session, I am concerned about a potential repetition of such fillibusters."

With Chief Justice William Rehnquist alling from thyroid cancer, there has been much speculation about whether the president soon may choose a new Supreme Court justice. As head of the Judiciary Committee, Specter would have wide latitude to schedule hearings, stage committee votes and make the process as easy or as hard as he wants.



White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, left, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, center, and senior adviser Karl Rove wait for President Bush to arrive to hold a news conference Thursday in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington. Sunday, Rove told Fox that Sen. Arlen Specter, who is in line to head the Senate Judiciary Committee, assured him Bush's judicial nominees will get prompt hearings in the Senate.

Blair to visit Bush this week

BY JENNIFER LOVEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's first postelection meeting with a foreign leader comes this week when Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, a staunch ally on Iraq, is due for two days of discussions at the White House.

Blair will be in Washington on Thursday and Friday for meetings to chart the way forward on a range of issues including terrorism and Iraq, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

McClellan said the meeting is part of Bush's intention to reach out to allies in Europe and NATO "to promote development and progress, to defeat the terrorists and to encourage freedom and democracy as alternatives to Jyramy and terror."

"The president looks forward to discussing with Prime Minister Blair how to strengthen further U.S. cooperation with the United Kingdom and all of Europe, as we address together the many challenges our nations face at the beginning of the 21st century," McClellan said.

Busy with his re-election campaign, Bush has not welcomed a foreign leader to the White House since August, when he was host to the interim prime minister of Iraq, Ayad Allawi. Bush and Blair's last meeting was during a NATO summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in June, but they talk by phone almost weekly.

Blair, in supporting the U.S.-led war in Iraq, has defied public opinion at home and in many European capitals. It is widely assumed in Britain that Blair's support for Bush's Iraq policy came in return for a pledge that the Bush administration would push harder for peace between Israeli and the Palestinians.

The day after Bush's re-election victory, Blair tried to nudge his ally forward by declaring that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the world's "single most pressing political challenge."

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Although White Flours aues have said they see a new opening for Middle East peace in Bush's second term, the president did not fully embrace Blair's assessment. "I agree with him that the Middle East peace is a very important part of a peaceful world," Bush said in a Thursday news conference.

Another item sure to be on the Oval Office agenda are the Iraqi elections, scheduled for January, and the continuing deadly insurgency there. U.S. forces are gearing up for an expected offensive in Falluiah, the insurgents' strongest bastion.

Postwar Iraq policy chief to step down

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House's director of postwar policy for Iraq, who was instrumental in helping to set up an interim government to lead that country until elections can be held,

is stepping down.
Robert Blackwill, a former ambassador to India, has overseen Iraq strategy
at the National Security Council since
mid-2003. He decided "some time ago"
to depart government service after the
presidential election, a White House offlicial, speaking on the condition of anomymity, said Saturday.

It was the second report in two days of a ranking official's decision to leave the Bush administration's national security establishment.

On Fixlary, the State Department conirmed the impending departure of J. Cofer Black, the department's chief counterterorism figure. Like Blackwill, the former CIA operations officerhad told superiors he planned to leave after the elections, and department spokesman Adam Erel is add he will end his 30-year government career in a matter of weeks.

Blackwell's absence will shorten the list of people reputed to be in the running to replace Condolecza Rice and President Bush's national security adviser. Rice has told associates she will not stay in the post in the second Bush term and has talked about returning to academic life in Canadamic life with the control of the cont

Blackwill, whose formal title is coorinator for strategic planning on the NSC, spent months slipping in and out of Baghdad to put a U.S. stamp on a caretaker government in Iraq. The career diplomat was on the short list to become ambassador to Iraq in the spring, but Bush instead chose Jolm Negroponte, former ambassador to the United Nations.

The White House would not comment about any impact of his departure on preparations for the Iraqi elections, scheduled in January, less than three months from now.

CDC: Over-the-counter drug sales can help track flu

BY DIEDTRA HENDERSON

WASHINGTON — Sales of over-the-counter drugs taken to treat the flu may help the government learn more quickly about

local outbreaks.

The government now receives figures representing 80 percent of the sales of remedies for cold symptoms and diarrhea, for example, in an effort to spot disease trende.

A sudden spike in sales of those products "might be a hint that flu is emerging," the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told reporters Sunday. "It's a clue. And we don't know if it's going to be a useful clue or not," Dr. Julie Gerberding said during the American Public Health Association's annual meeting.

The experiment comes as the United States struggles with a shortage of flu vaccine caused by contamination problems at a Chiron Corp. plant in Britain, where 48 million doses destined for the United States were quarantined.

Through increased production at other plants, the government has obtained more than 60 million doses of vaccine. U.S. officials had hoped to supply 100 million doses this year.

Food and Drug Administration inspectors are visiting plants in Germany and Canada in pursuit of more flu vaccine.

When the crisis first began, Gerberding said she told her team she wanted three things:

■ Breakdowns, by county, where flu was spreading. The drug sales may help give an earlier glimpse than waiting for hospitals to fill with the sickest patients.

■ Where vaccine arrived, by

Areas where sick people needed vaccine but supplies had not arrived. The flu season appears to be starting slowly this year, Gerberding said. Several states are reporting a

few cases, including Texas and two New York nursing homes. Many states, however, have not recorded a single flu case. Not one is reporting widespread flu activity.

"We're not getting off to a fast start," she said, adding that that did not mean this year's season would remain light.

As most people scramble for scarce doses of flu vaccine, the nation's top public health agency has another worry: bird flu, which Gerberding says people are not particularly focused on. Her agency is monitoring the spread of avian flu in Asia as it continues to leap from animals to humans, to gauge whether the strain is evolving.

The CDC, however, will not safeguard its supply of antivirals most effective against avian flu

Of 40 million doses of antivirals available this year to treat regular flu — reducing sickness among those infected and protecting the healthy — 7 million are in the CDC stockoile.

Gerberding said the antiviral treatment that has proved best at protecting against avian flu would be used to treat regular flu if the need arose.

Border Patrol numbers don't add up

Activists question varied counting of dead migrants crossing into U.S

BY ANDREA ALMOND
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Flying low over the Sonoran Desert, Border Patrol agents spotted a skeleton sprawled in the brush.

The harsh terrain along the southern edge of Arizona is a busy trafficking corridor for illegal immigrants and the remains could have been from a person who died while trying to sneak into the United States. But busy Interstate 8 runs nearby and it also could have been a slain U.S. citizen, a suicide, a runaway.

The Border Patrol is facing criticism for the way it counts the dead along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

"It's rarely a cut-and-dry decision," said Joe Brigman, spokesman for the Border Patrol station at Yuma, Ariz. "In some cases, you just don't know."

The agency says its increased vigilance has helped reduce deaths among illegal immigrants.

Human rights activists, however, say it's in the government's interest to keep its count low. They contend the agency tries to shave the number of deaths by excluding many skeletal remains, caracident victims and bodies discovered by local law enforcement agencies.

"The American people have the right to know the human cost, the real human cost, of these policies" says Claudia Smith, a San



Marchers carry a casket last month along a section of the U.S.-Mexico border fence in Tijuana, Mexico, to mark the 10th anniversary of the U.S. border enforcement program Operation Gatekeeper. Migrants-rights groups contend the U.S. Border Patrol has tried to shave its count by excluding from its total many skeletal remains, car-accident deaths and bodies discovered by local law enforcement agencies.

Diego attorney with the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation.

From documents and other clues found on the body spotted east of Yuma, agents concluded the remains indeed belong to an immigrant – among 325 the Border Patrol counted in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, down from 340 the year before.

Smith, who has tracked migrant deaths for 10 years, says the counting method is inconsistent from one government agency to the next—and sometimes even

from one Border Patrol sector to another.

For instance, in Arizona, the busiest stretch for illegal entries, the Border Patrol reported a record 177 deaths in fiscal 2004. But medical examiner's offices in Arizona put the toll at around 221.

Location also affects the count. Smith points to the case of 19 people found dead in a stifling truck trailer near Victoria, Texas, in 2003. It was the deadliest immigrant-smuggling attempt in the United States in more than 15 years but the deaths were not in. cluded in Border Patrol statistics, officials say, because the victims were too far from the border.

The agency's count typically includes people found only in 43 U.S. counties that are within a 100-mile-wide belt along the border with Mexico.

Border Patrol officials bristle at the allegation they are undercounting deaths.

"We are very interested in knowing about any death discovered along the border," said Mario Villareal, a Washington-based spokesman for Customs and Border Protection.

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Migrant deaths

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U.S. Border Patrol death count for the U.S. side

Mexican government count Mexican/U.S. side



SOURCES: Customs and Borders AP Protection; Mexico Foreign Affairs

The agency also only counts deaths of migrants found on the U.S. side of the border. Mexico tracks fatalities on either side of the border, but only those of Mexican nationals.

In 2004, Mexico counted 286 such deaths. In each of the previous three years, Mexico's death toll was higher than the total kept by the Border Patrol.

Some activists are calling for an independent agency to take charge of counting the dead.

"We're entitled to know the human cost of these (border control) programs," said the Rev. Robin Hoover, founder of Humane Borders, an organization that has set up water stations in the Sonoran desert for border crossers. "How can we possibly devise proper public policies if we don't even have an accurate body count?"

Protest death? Man kills self at ground zero after election

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 25-year-old from Georgia who was apparently distraught over President Bush's re-election shot and killed himself at ground Zem.

Andrew Veal's body was found Saturday morning inside the off-limits site, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. A shotgun was found nearby, but no suicide note was found, Coleman said.

Veal's mother said her son was upset about the result of the presidential election and had driven to New York, Gus Danese, president of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association, told The New York Times in Sunday's editions.

Friends said Veal worked in a computer lab at the University of Georgia and was planning to marry.

"I'm absolutely sure it's a protest," Mary Anne Mauney, Veal's supervisor at the lab, told The Daily News. "I don't know what made him commit suicide, but where he did it was symbolic."

Gay-themed T-shirts stir debate in Missouri town

BY STEVE ROCK

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WEBB CITY, Mo. — Whether the townsfolk know it or not, Webb City, in the southwest corner of Missouri, has become a battleground in the gay rights movement. The debate hasn't yet reached front-burn-

er status at such places as the Bradbury Bishop Deli on the downtown square. Scores of locals know very little or nothing about it.

Twice in the last two weeks, Brad Mathewson, a junior at Webb City High School, was instructed by school officials to change T-shirts that bore gay rights themes. The first of the two incidents prompted Mathewson to contact the American Civil Liberties Union.

Now the ACLU is actively involved. The organization has engaged a local lawyer, shipped out news releases en masse and met with school officials.

Mathewson said he had been contacted

waterwish salt the had been contacted by representatives of "Good Morning America," although a spokesman for the TV show would neither confirm nor deny that.

Anti-gay preacher Fred Phelps is promis-

Anti-gay preacher Fred Phelps is promising to make an appearance in Webb City this month. School district officials said enforcing the school's strict dress code wasn't about gay rights or free speech. They said it was about preserving a positive, structured learning environment.

"If disruption comes for whatever reason, you try to bridle that," district superin-

tendent Ron Lankford said.

So divided are the two sides that Mathewson missed a week of school. Mathewson called it a suspension, but school officials declined to specifically discuss his situation. For now, Mathewson

is back in class. He returned Tuesday after the ACLU's lawyer conferred with school officials. Mathewson has been instructed by school officials not to wear any gay-themed attire but instead to blend in with the other 1,000 or so students at the high school.

high school.

Mathewson, 16, said he wasn't sure he wants to make that commitment. He said school officials told him that the shirts might offend other students, that they could be disruptive, that they could

even leave him in danger of being beaten up by intolerant classmates. Mathewson doesn't buy any of it, at least

not the latter two reasons. And if the shirts are offensive to others, well, that's too bad. So the battle forges on.

Chris Hampton, public education associate for the ACLU, called the school's actions "viewpoint-based censorship." She disputes the superintendent's suggestions that the ACLU is a bully wanting only to embarrass the high school.

It started Oct. 20 when Mathewson, who

situation. had recently moved to town from Fayetteville, Ark., went to school wearing a shirt

school wearing a shirt from his previous school that had the words "FHS Gay/Straight Alliance" and a message supportive of gay rights.

"They told me to change it, turn it inside out or go home," Mathewson said.

He initially turned it inside out, then decided to leave school and talk with his mother. He was upset, and he didn't think the school was within its rights. Eventually, he called a teacher from his previous school and asked for ad-

vice. The teacher told him to contact the ACLU.

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About a week later, using markers and a bit of vengeance, he scrawled the words "I'm gay, and I'm proud!" on a plain T-shirt and wore it to school.

School officials approached him again and told him he couldn't wear the shirt. He left school again. PAGE 16 · Stars and Strip

Scholarly royals

WA SEATTLE -There's no more homecoming king and queen at the University of Washington, just royals.

The student group that organizes the annual campus festival has decided that gender should not play a role in the honor. The pair being pre-

sented are Emi Nomura Sumida, 20, of Seattle, and Glorya Cho, 19, of Bainbridge Island, who got the top

scores in a scholarship contest.

The two women had not met before they were crowned at a private reception.

The Associated Students of the University of Washington broke from tradition last year in awarding the two \$1,000 scholarships funded by the school's alumni association, but no one noticed because they went to a man and a woman.

Girl left with slain mom

NEW YORK — A 2-year-old girl survived four days in a parked sport utility vehicle with the body of her slain mother, police said.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said authorities were investigating the apparent mishandling of a 911 call that could have led to the rescue of Rosie Batista a day earlier.

The little girl, who had been strapped into a child's seat, was hospitalized for dehydration and was in stable condition.

Leonardo Almonte, 32, was arrested on murder, kidnapping and reckless endangerment charges.

Investigators said they believe Almonte killed Colon by throwing her to the floor and choking her during an argument at their Queens home. He allegedly dumped her body in the passenger seat of a SUV, placed the child in the back seat and drove to a remote street about a mile away.

Mentally unfit ruling

SANTA BARBARA — A judge ruled that the man accused of being the Highway 101 sniper is mentally unfit to stand trial.

Keith Tomlinson, 36, was ordered to a state mental hospital until he's deemed competent to face seven counts of attempted murder and 12 counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Tomlinson allegedly fired at trucks and hurled big rocks at passing vehicles on five days in December 2003 and March 2004.

Police: Fake money used

WI WEST BEND — Four teens used funny money for fast food, taxis and other purchases before they were caught and charged with forgery for printing the fake funds on a home computer, police said.

Police Sgt. Gus Unertl said three 14-year-old boys and a 15-year-old boy were caught after some merchants noticed the \$5 bills were fake.

Unertl said authorities filed state charges of forgery instead of seeking federal counterfeiting charges because of the suspects' ages and because of the small denomination of the bills

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Washington County juvenile authorities will recommend whether the boys will face a delinquency hearing. The four have been released to custody of their parents.

Man charged with con

SPRINGFIELD — A man accused of conning Spring-field women with promises to help them get funding for community projects pleaded innocent and was ordered held on \$50,000 bail.

In one alleged scam, Richard W. Duff approached Sheila Shepard, whose twin sons were gunned down in street violence this summer, saying he could win her more than \$I million in grant funding to start a youth center dedicated to her sons if she naid him \$850

Shepard and others spoke about the alleged scam at a news conference following Duff's arraignment in Springfield District Court, where he pleaded innocent to two counts of larceny over \$250 and one count each of larceny of less than \$250 and larceny by false pretenses.

His lawyer, Scott Skolnick, said Duff denies any wrongdoing and was paid for writing grant applications.

Ship collision

GALVESTON — A 355-foot freighter with a crew of 16 Russians slammed into an unanned natural gas platform about 17 miles off the Coast of



Sea of colors

A maple tree provides a brilliant backdrop as Jose Alvarez clears leaves in Vacaville. Calif.

Galveston in the Gulf of Mexico, the Coast Guard said.
A fire that broke out on the platform could be seen from shore.
The platform sustained significant damage, but

no injuries or pollution was reported.

Two offshore supply boats were in the area and crews from those vessels were able

were in the area and crews from those vessels were able to put out the flames on the lower decks of the platform, owned by Houston-based EOG Re-

sources Inc., the Coast Guard said.
The ship, the SCM Athina, has
superstructure damage and
scrapes to its hull. It was directed
to an anchorage where authorities
were interviewing the crew.

Sex assault charges

NH CONCORD — A former juvenile probation officer for the state faces five separate trials on charges he sexually assaulted the same 10-year-old girl five times.

Rodney Martinez, 47, of Laconia was indicted by a Belknap County grand jury earlier this year on three counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault and two counts of felonious sexual assault.

According to court records, he molested the girl when she came over to take care of and play with Martinez's own children. A year ago, Martinez's wife came home early and found her husband and the girl on the bed in her bedroom. She told the girl's mother, who contacted police.

The girl told authorities Martinez had lured her into the bedroom and touched her sexually several times between January 2002 and October 2003 — three times on her genitals and twice on her breasts.

Crevasse rescue

OR GOVERNMENT CAMP— Two climbers on Mount Hood fell into a crevasse, killing one and injuring the other, authorities said.

The surviving climber, who suffered a broken arm and broken ribs, used a cell phone to call for help, and rescuers hiked to the crevasse near Sandy Glacier, said Detective Jim Strovink, spokesman for the Clackamas County sheriff's office.

Later a National Guard helicopter lowered a medical team to the 8,500-foot level of Mount Hood, where they treated the surviving climber, Shaun Olcott, 37, before taking him to a Portland hospital. He was listed in stable condition.

The other climber, Kenny Kasselder, 37, suffered head and back injuries and died at the scene.

State tuition hike

HARTFORD — Trustees
for the Connecticut State
University system approved tution and fee increases of nearly 6
percent for next fall. The proposal
raises the annual cost of attending
one of the four branches of Connecticut State University by \$324
for an in-state student. CSU officials said that in addition to expanding some programs, the intensity of the control of the contracticut state of the con
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Protective mom A 6-month-old male Sumatran tiger cub rests under his mother Soyono's careful watch at the National Zoo in Washington.



And the band plays on ... The East Tennessee University band performs during homecoming festivities at the ampitheater in Johnson City, Tenn.



Line maintenance Atlantic City, N.J.

Road and Signage crew member Michael Taylor paints over a crosswalk in

antic City, N.J.



A lone biker makes his way up Monument Road in the Colorado National Mon Serene bike ride ment near Grand Junction, Colo.



Central Junior High photography Shooting at the sky student Amelia Firns-Hubert aims her camera lens skyward in Lawrence. Kan



Time for walkies Mary Romer of Huntsville, Ala.,

walks three dachshunds, Von Braun (in backpack), Patches and Smokey, in Huntsville, Ala.



Mouthwatering billboard Workers use a lift to put up a railing for a billboard display over an advertisement for glazed donuts in Cincinnati.

Contractor gets 1 year

PROVIDENCE — A Smith-field contractor has been sentenced to a year in prison for scamming households out of money for work he never performed.

Albert Steven Perreault, 38, had been accused of scamming several households in Rhode Island and Massachusetts out of thousands of dollars. One project involved a \$10,000 dollar job at an apartment building in Providence's Silver Lake neighborhood.

Perreault got a contractor's license in 1993, and created his business, Total Roofing and Home Improvement In October 2000 the contractors' license board suspended Perreault's license after it received numerous complaints from homeowners. Perreault ignored the suspension and continued to seek work under his company's name. In September, the board formally revoked his license.

A month later, Perreault turned himself in to the police in Raynham, Mass., where he was wanted on a felony charge of larceny by false pre-

Beach reconstruction

AL ORANGE BEACH — Contracts were announced for a \$24.2 million project to pump sand washed offshore back onto Alabama's beaches and restore coastal grasses lost during Hurricane

Starting in January, crews from New Orleans-based Bean-Stuyvesant LLC will work to extend the beach about 200 feet. The project is planned to start at Perdido Key on the Florida border and move west, Gulf Shores Public Works Director Chuck Hamilton said the last stretch of West Beach could be renourished by Aug. 2005.

Judge loses twice

SPRINGFIELD — Election Day was doubly unkind to Judge Gordon Maag. The Democrat lost a race for the Supreme Court to Republican Lloyd Karmeier Maag also lost a hid to keen his current seat on the 5th District Appellate Court in Southern Illinois, to which he was elected in 1994. The state Constitution requires Supreme Court and appellate court justices to run for retention every 10 years

Indictment on fake sodas

PA PITTSBURGH — An unrants unwittingly took part in a bogus Coca-Cola taste test, according to a federal grand jury indictment

The indictment accuses now-defunct distributor of shipping soft drinks to restaurants throughout southwest Pennsylvania with bogus labels promising Coca-Cola, Coke, Coca-Cola Classic, Cherry Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Ramblin Root Beer.

Joseph Stefancic Jr., 50, pleaded not guilty to trademark infringement which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$2 million fine.

New city approved

OR DAMASCUS — Oregon gained a new city on Election Day

In Clackamas County, 3,000 residents voted to incorporate Dam-

ascus and approved a five-member city council that will choose a mayor

It's the state's first new city since Keizer in 1982.

Community crimefighters

MA BOSTON — Massachu-setts Bay Transportation Authority police officials said crimes decreased this year from January to September due to strong community and multiagency involvement. The MBTA recorded only two assaults in the transit system involving guns, compared to seven in 2003, and knifepoint robberies dropped from 42 in 2003 to 17. Police arrested 11 students through September of this year, compared with 16 in the same period in 2003.

Down with amphitheater

INDIANAPOLIS — A But-ler University campus amphitheater will be torn down to make way for new student housing and a fitness center, school officials said. The 4,000-seat Hilton U. Brown Theatre attracted performers such as Liza Minnelli Liberace and Jack Benny over nearly 40 years. The new housing will include several apartment-style buildings with space for 500 students. The project is expected to be done in August 2006.

Perfect match

TRENTON — A 29-year-old woman whose desperate search for a bone marrow transplant led to a nationwide campaign to recruit more donors of South Asian descent has found a perfect match

Pia Awal, who has leukemia, initially was told that the odds of obtaining a lifesaving transplant were slim. Her best chance was from another person of South Asian descent, among the most underrepresented groups in the nation's bone marrow registry.

Family members and other loved ones built a Web site and helped get 12,442 more people tested in just 14 weeks.

Now a donor in Britain has been identified, and Awal, whose family immigrated from India is expected to undergo the transplant later this month in Seattle

Memorial dedication

NM WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE — Former Iraqi prisoners of war Jessica Lynch and Joseph Hudson helped dedicate an oak tree in honor of Army Spc. Lori Ann Piestewa, who was killed in Iraq last year.

The tree and a plaque in Piestewa's honor are located outside a three-story barracks at White Sands

Piestewa, 23, died after her convoy took a wrong turn and was ambushed near Nasiriyah in March 2003. Other members of 507th Maintenance Company from Fort Rliss Texas including Lynch and Hudson, from nearby Alamogordo, were taken prisoner.

Piestewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe who lived in Tuba City, Ariz., on the Navajo Nation, was the first woman killed in the war and is believed to be the first American Indian woman killed in combat fighting for the U.S. military. She had two children.

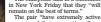
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Sharpton, wife split up

The Rev. Al Sharpton and his wife, Kathy Jordan Sharpton, have announced their separation after 23 years

of marriage. The Sharptons said in a statement



careers and their separation allows them to continue pursuing their work interests," the statement said. They will continue to work together in their civil rights work and in their other business ventures, including those in the entertainment indus

"Together they have successfully raised two daughters, one of whom started college this year, and the other of whom will be graduating high school in June." the statement said.



Former big band leader Artie Shaw is among seven artists who have been named National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters

Since 1982 the National Endowment has awarded the title to a handful of living jazz musicians and promoters to recognize their contributions to the music form. Those honored also include guitarist Kenny Burrell,

clarinetist-saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera, composer Slide Hampton, singer Shirley Horn, keyboardist Jimmy Smith and jazz impresario George Wein. The announce ment was made Thursday at a gala hosted by Seattle's Earshot Jazz Society

The seven will officially receive their awards at a Jan. 7 concert and ceremony in Long Beach, Calif.

Lynn to perform at MerleFest Loretta Lynn and The Chieftains will make their debut

appearances next year at MerleFest, the Americana music festival begun by bluegrass legend **Doc Watson**. Dozens of acts are to perform at the 18th annual festi-

val, from April 28 to May 1 in Wilkesboro, N.C., including returning favorites Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thun-der, and Alison Krauss and Union Station. Lynn won album of the year and artist of the year from

the Americana Music Association earlier this year for 'Van Lear Rose

"The really neat thing about it is it appeals to young people and old people and everybody in between, Claire Armbruster, MerleFest's artist-relations coordina-"It's just a great piece of work. It's rooted in country. not the slick country of today, but the roots of country.

Developer claims Trump stole design

A judge should order the destruction of two condo towers being built for an oceanfront resort that carries the name of Donald Trump, according to a lawsuit filed by a Miami architect who claims the billionaire and a hotel developer took his design

The lawsuit filed by Paul Oravec says he was "shocked and dismayed" to see design photos of the towers at Trump Grande Ocean Resort and Residences in the newspaper after similar ideas he created were turned down by Trump

The resort is under construction in Sunny Isles Beach on the Atlantic Ocean, just a few miles northeast of Miami.

Norma Foerderer, a spokeswoman for Trump, said he couldn't comment because he hadn't seen the filing.

Woods sues vacht builder

Tiger Woods is taking a swing at the builder of his luxury yacht, the Privacy, accusing the shipyard of using his name and photograph for financial gain without permission.

Lawyers for Woods sued in federal court on Oct. 29, claiming his con tract with Christensen Shipyards, Ltd., barred the boat manufacturer from using the golfer to promote the company, but it did so anyway

The lawsuit accuses the Vancouver, Wash.-based company of starting a "widespread national cam-paign" using Woods' name and pho-tos of the 155-foot yacht. It also says the company used the golfer's name and the pictures in a display at the

Fort Lauderdale [Fla.] Boat Show last month The lawsuit claims more than \$75,000 in damages for

Woods because his privacy was violated.

Stories and photos from The Associated Pres-

Woods



Brian Wilson's latest album was more than 30 years in the making

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By JOHN ROGERS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES f Brian Wilson could change just one thing in life, it wouldn't be the legendary emotional traumas, the insecurities, the drug abuse, the battles with weight or the endless legal conflicts that nearly destroyed him. "I would have made the rhythm of 'California Girls' a little better," Wilson deadpans. "That," he adds with the

slightest of smiles, "is my only regret." Were Wilson not shy and extremely modest by nature. he'd probably be wearing a bigger smile these days. The genius who was the guiding force behind the Beach Boys at a time when the group mattered to music as much as the

Beatles — is back in all his creative glory The proof is "Smile," a 47-minute rock opera in three movements that, when the composer first envisioned it in 1966, was to have been a "teenage symphony to God."

He was 24 then. He is 62 now. Except for a slight naunch and the gray overtaking his wavy brown hair, Wilson's appearance has changed little from the gangly, cherubic-faced youth who captivated the world with such songs as "Surfin' Safari," "Little Deuce Coupe." "Surfer Girl." "Catch a "Surfer Girl," Wave" and "Fun Fun Fun."

Though much of the public may forever associate him with the Beach Boys' three-minute odes to sand, girls and cars, Wilson grew to be one of pop music's greatest composers.

After the Beatles stunned the pop music world with the release of the elaborately produced "Rubber Soul" in 1965, Wilson one-upped them with "Pet Sounds." The Beatles, in turn, responded with "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," a work still regarded by Rolling Stone magazine as the greatest rock album ever made ("Pet Sounds" is No. 2).

"'Rubber Soul' was such an experience for me to hear that I went to my piano and I started writing 'Pet Sounds' right away," Wilson, dressed in blue jeans, a pullover shirt and tennis shoes, said recently during a break from rehearsing "Smile" for a concert tour.

It was while the Beatles were in the studio putting together "Sgt. Pepper" that he and longtime collaborator Van Dyke Parks were working on "Smile" for the Beach Boys. Those who heard early tapes predicted it would be the

greatest rock accomplishment ever. But it was not to be, and the reasons why quickly became the stuff of legend.

Among the stories that spread over the years: Wilson suffered a nervous breakdown. He realized he couldn't top the Beatles again, and it drove him over the edge. His fellow

in those days Wilson's cousin Mike Love: his brothers, Carl and Dennis Wilson; and Bruce Johnston and Al Jardine - couldn't understand, let alone begin to play, an album as complicated as "Smile,

So in frustration, it was said, Wilson set his studio on fire, destroyed all the "Smile" tapes, then locked himself in drug-addled seclusion in his room.

Indeed, his subsequent battles to overcome drug abuse and other problems would be well documented.

"The pressure of trying to live up to my name was a little hard for me, so I had some difficulties, some mental difficulties," he acknowledges now. "But I worked through it." The reason he gives for shelving "Smile," however, is

much less intriguing.

I don't think it would have been a hit album," he says

well received

matter of factly. "I think it would have been a big bomb."

"It was too advanced music. It was avant-garde music and it was too ahead of its time," he adds, noting that even after his wife, Melinda, persuaded him to finish it this year he still had doubts that it would be

Fueled by sometimes-drug-induced vi-sions, "Smile" sought to create a sprawling musical landscape of mid-America, one that extended across the 20th century and from the Midwest to Hawaii.

Lushly orchestrated and vocally challenging (a 22-piece band and a dozen voices are **Brian Wilson** needed to perform it in concert), it clearly would have been the ultimate Beach Boys album

Instead it has become Wilson's long-delayed masterpiece, a symphonic work bookended by two of his most-her-alded pop songs, "Heroes and Villains" and "Good Vibra-

"It's pretty much like if Frank Zappa and Mozart got together." is how his current drummer. Jim Hines, describes

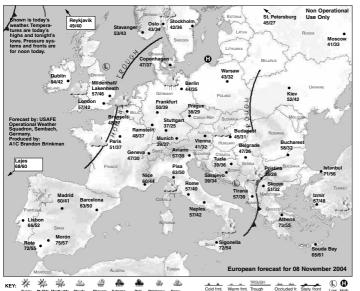
Wilson himself shuns comparisons to Mozart, Beethoven or other major musical figures. He cites his influences as his contemporaries the Beatles and, before that, producer Phil Spector, who created rock's "Wall of Sound."

"I don't consider myself to be a genius," he says. "I consider myself to be a clever songwriter.

Known for a history of stage fright, musicians who work

with him now say Wilson appears to have gotten over it. "Oh, no. No, no, it's not gone at all," he says with a chuck-

"I still have stage fright all the time. Before every concert, I do about a half hour of stage fright. But then, as soon as we hit our first notes and the band starts to play, and I start to sing, my fears go away. My fears and phobias just dissolve."



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid-50s, Tuesday lows in the low 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with snow/rainshowers and fog. Highs in the upper 30s, Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

France: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the lower 50s to lower 70s, Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the 40s, Tuesday lows in the mid-50s to lower 60s

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with snow/rainshowers. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 50s, Tuesday lows in the mid-20s to mid-30s.

Hungary: Mostly cloudy with rain-showers. Highs in the mid 40s, Tuesday lows in the lower 30s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Tuesday lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Southern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 70s, Tuesday lows in the low to mid 40s.

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Norway: Moslty cloudy with isolated snow/rainshowers. Highs in the lower 40s to low 50s, Tuesday lows in the lower 30s to mid 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s to mid 70s, Tuesday lows in the lower 40s to mid 50s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50 low 70s, Tuesday lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

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Horoscope

travel this way until March 21. Past choices that made sense at the time will be seen in a different

way as layers of emotion and behavior are examined more closely in the weeks to come. We may feel silly about some things we've done, but that's better than never maturing enough to realize how silly we were.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 8). This is a very good year for your earning potential and financial stability. If you're looking for a big promotion or raise it's best to wait until after January to approach the boss. Your love life gets a boost, too - a crush that begins during the holiday season blossoms in the spring. Take a

source in February. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your ruling planet sends the mes sage: Strut your stuff! With a little flair, you'll edge out the competition. and the so-called other guys won't even know what hit them. Romantic prospects are especially exciting. You're up for a dare

chance, and start an extra income

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Thanks to the lunar interaction with your ruling planet, Venus, your intuition is on target when it comes to your two favorite things, love and money. Buy a lottery ticket. You're hard to resist now, so ask for the

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Catch up on all that's been lagging. starting with your office. You can be incredibly productive emptying the in-box, catching up on e-mail, and delegating as much as you can to others. You'll finally clear the air with a loved one

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A

weight is lifted from your chest as Saturn gives you a break from something that's been troubling you. Suddenly, financial stress and pressure from the family - to settle down, have kids and so on - ease up considerably

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take advantage of the peace and quiet while you can. Focus on pampering yourself as much as possible without spending a whole lot. It's restorative to take a long walk in a beauti-

ful setting or read a trashy novel. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The more odds and ends you can

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wrap up, the better you'll feel. Focus on getting rid of stuff rather than adding to what you've already got Take the dog to be

groomed, rake the lawn or make a donation.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). Don't be surprised if you feel a sudden welling up of emotion as the scale tips toward "overload." You may be expected to turn on the charm when all

you really want to do is snack in front of the TV. Rise to the occasion instead

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're waiting for the right moment to strike. Hold off for a few days your plans for world domination will have a much better chance of success. Until then, distract yourself with beautiful things: artwork, music, your partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your social acumen impresses. Throw an impromptu party, or make a toast. Mercury, the planet of communication, is loving you now, so you should have no trouble finding the right words for any occa

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

sion

19). Things may feel a bit uneasy at home, but this situation improves shortly. In fact, this is the start of a really exciting cycle. If you suddenly find yourself feeling joyful for no apparent reason, don't question it

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Uranus, vour ruling planet, is stirring those fidgety feelings. Avoid doing anything too fast, especially driving Instead, channel that energy into making preparations for all the good you plan to do in the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Any sluggishness you've been feeling for the past five months is about to end. Gather all your best ideas, and practice your sales pitch. You'll soon get an energy injection that will help you put all your big dreams into practice.

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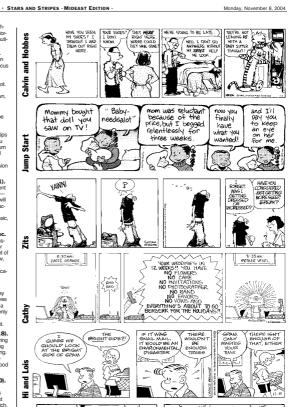
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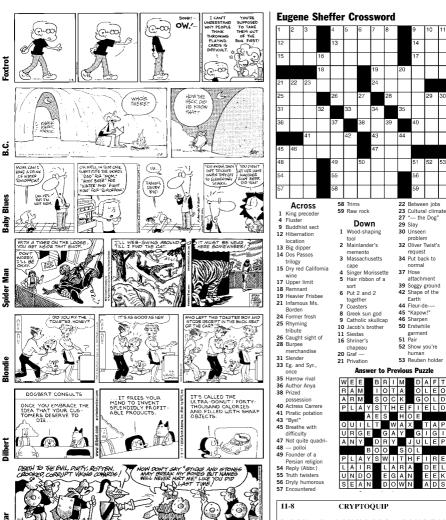








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THERE ARE THINGS IN LIFE WE JUST HAVE TO ADMIT WE CAN'T CONTROL

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PLUMBER DECIDES TO GO FOR SOMETHING RISKY, COULD YOU SAY HE TAKES THE PLUNGER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals L

to family and friends to relocate to

Suspicious of dad-in-law's plans

Dear Abby: I was married nine months ago to a man I love dearly. It has been an adjustment for all of us, and at times it has been stressful. We have been working on some issues, but for the most part we're doing well. I have a 12-year-old daughter I'll Dear Abby

"The problem is my new father-in-law, "Grant." He lives alone a few states away from us. We see him a few times a year. I barely know him. Grant has been asking to take Ginger alone for a weekend at his secluded home. I have a real problem with that, Grant also asked to take Ginger to visit his mother - an even farther distance. He planned to have my daughter alone with him in a hotel for a week I said no.

Grant plans these outings in his head and then gets upset when I say no. I'm not comfortable allowing my innocent child to spend time alone with a man in his 60s whom I don't know very well.

I have invited Grant to our

home so he can get to know us both, and he always has an excuse not to come. I don't want to place Ginger in a situation that I am not comfortable with. What should I

> - Worried Mother in Massachusetts Dear Worried Mother Stick to your guns and

insist that your fa-ther-in-law "get to know" your daughter only in situations that vou can supervise. There is a reason why vour alarm hells are ringing, and frankly, after reading your letter, they went off in my head, too. Listen to your motherly instinct.

Dear Abby: I have a warning for your readers. It is

always touching to hear stories of long-lost loves being reunited to then live happily ever after. I had a love like that in high school. He was in the Army in California. We met again after 41 years, fell in love, and began what

Washington. My dream turned into a financially and emotionally draining nightmare. After a year and a half of marriage that volleved between cruelty and reassurances of his love, I confirmed my intuition that he had been lying and cheating the whole time I am writing to urge others to

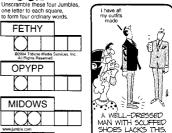
be cautious. Do not misplace your trust as I did - Betrayed After All These Years

Dear Betrayed: While it's true that many childhood sweethearts successfully rekindle that old flame in later life, it's also true that as people grow older they sometimes change — and not always for the better. That's why it's important to look carefully before you leap into anything and

take nothing for granted. Be glad you know the truth and are again in control of your future because it's not over until you take your last breath.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069, Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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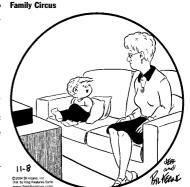
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Jumbles: HONOR UPHELD TYPANT What the politician did when he hosted the Answer: fund raiser - "POURED" IT ON

Now arrange the circled letters to

(Answers tomorrow)



"I've seen this video before, Grandma, so is it okay if I talk through it?"

seemed like a dream come true. I Time for daughter to act like adult

Dear Annie: We recently found out that our 25-year-old daughter, "Katie," has once again dropped out of college Although she works full time and is paving her own living expenses, her father and I had been paying for her car, tuition and books, so she could attend school part

time. I discovered that

she has not attended classes for the last year, but she kept the tuition and book money we sent

I told Katie how disappointed we are and asked why she lied. but she became defensive and hung up the phone. I love my daughter, but I am so mad and hurt that I don't know what to do. Any suggestions?

Taken for a Ride

Dear Taken: You know why Katie lied - because you would cut off the gravy train if you knew the truth. We don't blame



Tell Katie you are going to consider that money a loan (know ing, of course, that she is not likely to repay it). Then, treat her as the adult she is. Let her know you love her and you trust she will make the right decisions for her future, even if you

don't agree. If she wants to go back to college, she will be responsible for her own tuition and books. (If you are feeling particularly generous, you can offer to pick up the tab after the first year - paid directly to the school, of course.)

Dear Annie: I read a letter in your column from "Teacher,"

who also is the parent of an ADHD child, I wish I had read her letter years earlier, because I could have saved my ADHD son a lot of problems.

I was one of those parents who didn't want my child drugged

because he had a great personali ty and I thought the drugs would make him a zombie Well as he got older, his personality changed. He became angry, mouthy and rebellious. His grades were terrible, and he was on the verge of failing. I finally had to admit I wasn't doing him any favors by not putting him on

Annie, I now have my old son back. He is happy again, sociable and charming, excited about school and nothing like the zombie I feared. I only wish I had put him on this medication earlier

the proper medication.

- Made the Right Choice Dear Right Choice: Thank you

for letting our readers know that the right medication can make a world of difference.

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THE ONE THING MARGARET HAS GOING FOR HER THAT HER MOM MAKES GREAT CUPCAKE







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AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m.—Pro football: Hous-on at Denver (joined in progress). AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—Pro football: Kansas AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.—Pro football: Kansas ity at Tampa Bay. AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m.—Pro football: Cleve-and at Baltimore. AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—Golf: The Tour Championship, final round (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—Tennis: Paribas Masters, highlights. AFN-Sports, 6:30 p.m.—College football: Mississippi St. at Alabama (dld).

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.—Auto racing: ChampCar Telmex Tecate GP (dld). AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m., AFN-Radio —Pro foot-ball: Minnesota at Indianapolis. AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.—Outdoors: Wal-Mart FLW Tour (did).

AFN-Sports, 9:15 a.m.—Pro basketball:
Teams TBD (did).

AFN-Pacific, 11 a.m.—Pro football: Minnesota at Indianapolis (dld).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—Pro football: Minnesota at Indianapolis (dld).

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Golf

PGA Tour Championship Saturday At East Lake Golf Club Atlanta

Purse: \$6 million Yardage: 7,137; Par: 70 Third Round Tiger Woods Jay Haas Mike Weir Retief Goosen Stephen Ames Mark Hensby Scott Verplank 72-64-65—201 -9 67-66-68—201 -9 70-66-69-205 69-66-70-205 69-70-69-208 74-67-68-209 Jerry Kelly Phil Mickelson Sergio Garcia Darren Clarke Zach Johnson Zach Johnson Rory Sabbatini Ernie Els David Toms Padraig Harrington Vijay Singh John Daly Stuart Appleby Chris DiMarco Steve Flesch 71-68-71-210 72-71-68-211 68-73-70-211 69-75-68-212 +1 +1 +2 -212 -212 -213 steve Flesch Stewart Cink Adam Scott Shigeki Maruyama Kenny Perry K.J. Choi 70-73-71-214 75-71-69-215 73-76-67-216 76-72-70-218 73-73-72-218 73-70-75-218 72-68-78-218 72-72-76-220 Fred Funk Carlos Franco Todd Hamilto

Mizuno Classic

Sunday At Seta Golf Course Otsu, Japan Purse: \$1 million Yardage: 6,450; Par: 72 Final Round Final R A. Sorenstam, \$150,000 Michie Ohba, \$69,608 Ai Miyazato, \$69,608 Grace Park, \$69,608 Junko Omote, \$37,500

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ng, \$3,150 Vietnam Masters

Sunday At Chi Linh Star Golf and Country Club Chi Linh, Vietnam Purse: \$200,000 Par: 72 Final

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College basketball

Saturday's men's scores

Flagler 116, Lyndoon St. 54 Lee 109, Montreat 105 LSU-Shreveport 118, Rhema Bible 84 Loyola, NO 82, Pensacola Christian 53 North Georgia 95, Toccoa Falls 61 North Georgia 96, Toccoa Falls 61

MIDWEST
Black Hills St. 80, Dakota Weslyn 56
Coll, of the Ozarks 87, SI Tanká-Huron 6
Grand View 77, Oklahoma Wesleyan 65
Mid-Am Nazarene 83, Berbel, Kan. 81
Minot St. 93, Holy Names 85
Mount Marty 68, S. Dakota Tech 59

FAR WEST

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Montana-Western 92, Point Loma 83 Rocky Mountain 71, Mary 49 EXHIBITION
Arkansas 72, Texas A&M-Commerce 47
Bucknell 83, Indiana, Pa., 55
Davidson 94. St. Francis Xavier 66

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4 Montana St. 86, Regina 47 Murray St. 100, Vasda 83 N.C.-Asheville 83, Mars Hill 76, OT N. Dakota St. 70, Minnesota St.-Moorhead,

Pikeville 92, Alice Lloyd 71 Pikeville 92, Alice Lloyd 71 Pittsburgh 97, Carnegie-Mellon 70 St. Francis, Pa. 99, Premier All-Stars 82 St. Prancis, Pa. 99, Premier All-Stars 82 St. Vincent 71, Georgetown, Ky. 70 LOCA 97, Simon Fraser 88 UCLA 97, Simon Fraser 88 ULAB 95, Carroll, Mont. 62 Utah St. 125, Puper Sount 125 Valparaiso 73, Hurtington 69 Valparaiso 73, Huntington 69 Weber St. 79, E. Oregon 41 W. Kentucky 103, Brock, (Canada) 66 Yavier 77, California Pa 60

Saturday's women's scores

SOUTH Bryan 92, Knoxville 56 Freed-Hardeman 78, Cumberland, Ky. 72 Lambuth 63, Loyola, NO 56 Lambuth 63, Loyola, NO 50 Lee 55, Milligan 44 Stetson 78, North Florida 69 Union, Ky. 77, Ind.-Southeast 55 W. Kentucky 96, Kentucky Wesleyan 59 MIDWEST

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Black Hills St. 60, Dakota Weslyn 52
Columbia, Mo. 76, Mid-Am Nazarene 58
Friends 67, Newman 43
Mary 83, Rocky Mountain 77
S. Dakota Tech 53, Mount Marty 49

William Jewell 61, Southwest EXHIBITION Brescia 69, St. Vincent 63 Dayton 71, Ohio Legends 53 Everyone's Internet 69, George Washing-on 64 Fla. International 97, Barry 37 Mississippi 109, EA Sports 67

Running

New York City Marathon Sunday At New York Men

Men
1. Hendrik Ramaala, South Africa, 2:09:28
2. Meb Keflezighi, Mammoth Lakes, Calif...
2:09:53

Susan Chepkemei, Kenya, 2:23:14 Lyubov Denisova, Russia, 2:25:18 Margaret Okayo, Kenya, 2:26:31 Jelena Prokopcuka, Latvia, 2:26:51 з. зевена РГОКОРСЦКА, LATVIA, 2:26:51
 Luminita Zaituc, Germany, 2:28:15
 Lorna Kiplagat, Kenya, 2:28:21
 Larisa Zousko, Russia, 2:29:32
 Madai Perez, Mexico, 2:29:57
 Kerryn McCann, Australia, 2:32:06

NYC Marathon winners

Men Hendrik Ramaala, South Africa,

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2000 — Abdelshader El Mouszit, Morocco. 2003 — Joseph Cheller, Karnya, 2088-14 1998 — Dolm Kaguwe, Kenya, 2088-01 1998 — Dolm Kaguwe, Kenya, 2088-01 1995 — Galcone Leon, 1819, 1905-8, 1995 — German Biva, Meerko, 211:00 1995 — Adress Espinosa, Meesko, 21:00 1991 — Abdels Espinosa, Meesko, 21:00 1991 — Salvador Garcia, Meetko, 2902-9 2004 — Dauls Badolffe, Britan, 22:21:0 2004 — Dauls Badolffe, Britan, 22:23:0 2005 — Morels Espinosa, Meesko, 2002-200 2005 — Control Company, 21:00 2007 — March Cherchman, Kenya, 22:25:0 2007 — Morels Cherchman, Kenya, 22:25:0 2008 — Ludrilla Petrova, Russia, 22:25:0 2009 — Administ Petrova, Russia, 22:25:0 2009 — Administ Petrova, Russia, 22:25:0 Franca Fiacconi, Italy, 2:25:17 Franziska Rochat-Moser, Switzer

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Tennis

Paris Masters

Sunday
At Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy
Paris
Purse: \$3.1 million (Masters)
Surface: Carpet-Indoor
Singles
Championship
Marat Safin (0), Russia, def. Radek
tepanek, Czech Republic, \$5,7-6 (5), 6-3.

Bell Challenge

Saturday At Club Avantage Multi-Sports de Quebec Quebec City Purse: \$170,000 (Tier III) Surface: Hard-Indoor

Surface: Hard-Indoor Singles Semifinals Abigail Spears, United States, def. Alina Jid-kova, Russia, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (4). Martina Sucha, Slovakia, def. Maria-Emilia Salerni, Argentina, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-6 (6).

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Results
By The Associated Press
At The Pavilion
Purse: \$55,000 (Tier II)
Surface Hard-indoor
Semifinats
Amelion (1), France, def. Maria
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Pervoy (7), Russia, def. Nadia
Pervoy (7), Russia, def. Nadia

Soccer

MLS playoffs

Conference Championships
Eastern Conference
New England vs. D.C. United
Saturday, Nov. 6
D.C. United 3, New England 3, tie, D.C. United and the company kicks 4.3 D.C. United 3, New England 3, ed wins on penalty kicks 4.3.
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D.C. United vs. Kansas City

College hockey

Saturday's scores

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EAST
Buffalo 51, 66 Geneseo St. 3
Canisius 3, Army 2
Colgate 4, Harvárd 1
Cornell 7, Brown 2
Cortland St. 4, Potsdam 3
Fredonia St. 5, Brockport 3
Manhattanwille 7, Lebanon Valley 2 Mercyhurst 6, Connecticut 3 Merrimack 5, Massachusetts 2 Oswego St. 5, Plattsburgh 2 Princeton 3, Dartmouth 0

Princeton 3, Dartmouth 0
Providence 4, Wayne (Mich.) 1
Rochester Tech 2, Utica 1
St. Lawrence 3, RPI 2
Union, N.Y. 4, Clarkson 1
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Sheppard and DT Sam Rayburn to five-year
contract extensions. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Released QB ason Garrett. Signed DT Jon Bradley from

JOHNSTOWN RIVERHAWKS—Named Brian

HOCKEY
Central Hockey League
CHL—Suspended Austin F Dallas Anderson
six games and RW John McNabb one game
for their actions in a Nov. 4 game against femphis. BOSSIER-SHREVEPORT MUDBUGS—Activat-

ed F David Oliver. LAREDO BUCKS—Signed F Serge Dube. TOPEKA TARANTULAS—Waived F Chad dicholson. Signed F Van Hellemeyer. ECHL
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COLLEGE
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Colts, Vikings prepare for offensive battle

By MICHAEL MARO

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning leads the AFC in passer rating and touchdown passes this season. Daunte Culpepper has done the same in the NFC.

Now each quarterback may have to perform perfectly.

When the Indianapolis Colts and Minnesota Vikings meet Monday night, Manning and Culpepper know there will be a little margin for error. One failed drive won't be just another lost opportunity; it could be the difference between winning and losing.

"As an offense, we have high goals and expectations," Manning said. "We're disappointed when we punt because we feel we're better than that"

The game could be one of this season's most entertaining.

Indianapolis (4-3) and Minnesota (5-2) rank among the NFL's top offenses and worst defenses, setting up an anticipated shootout between teams that need a victo-

The Vikings had a four-game winning streak end last week while the Colts are trying to snap their first two-game skid in almost two years.

On paper, the teams look alike.

Indianapolis has Manning, last year's co-MVP, Marvin Harrison, a five-time Pro Bowler and the NFL record-holder for most receptions in a season; Edgerfin James, a two-time NFL rushing champ; and Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stoke, who have become consistent targets this year.

Minnesota counters with Culpepper, a two-time Pro Bowl starter, Randy Moss, the league's biggest deep threat; and three potentially dangerous runners in Mewelde Moore, Michael Bennett and Onterrio Smith, who is returning after a four-game substance-abuse suspension.

But Moss will miss a game for the first time in his NFL career, sitting out with a strained right hamstring.

Without Moss, the Vikings looked like a different team in last week's 34-13 loss to the New York Giants, which is why the Vikings are making contingency plans.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning (18) hands off to running back Edgerin James on Oct. 31. The Colts, have one of the league's top offenses and worst defenses, just like their Monday Night Football opponent Minnesota Vikings.

"Tm hoping they don't score 40 points," Vikings coach Mike Tice said. "You have to be prepared to stop them. Does it happen? Not always. I just hope we can slow them down because I don't think you can ston them."

During the first half of the season, the Colts' biggest opponent has been their defense.

While averaging a league-high 31.1 points and punting only 22 times, second in the NFL, the Colts simply cannot stay on the field long enough.

Opponents have usually played keepaway against a defense close to a record-setting pace for yards allowed and which has yielded the fourth-highest scoring average (25.4) in the NFL.

The two times opponents tried to play up-tempo against the Colts, it's been wild.

Indianapolis won Round 1, beating Green Bay 45-31, and lost Round 2, 45-35 at Kansas City last week

Minnesota's offense could create even more problems. Culpepper already has set an NFL record by throwing for five touchdowns in

three games this year, while Moore averages 5.9 yards per carry, Bennett has sprinter's speed and Smith is the power back.

If that means Round 3 will come Monday night, at least some people in the stadium will enjoy it.

"I think it's a fun matchup," Vikings offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "We're going to get a chance to play each other, and see who's the best." Colts coach Tony Dungy, a former defen-

sive coordinator, is hoping for a different kind of game.



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After the Colts gave up 590 yards to the Chiefs, Dungy has preached consistency all week. Monday night will be the next big

"We've got to do a better job of not putting people in scoring position," Dungy said. "You can't give people extra chances when they have good offenses."

There are other problems, too.

Indy's smallish defense faces a much heftier Vikings line. Plus, a secondary ravaged by injuries must also contend with Minnesota's big receivers such as Marcus Robinson.

Starting cornerback Donald Strickland is out for the season with a torn labrum in his right shoulder, and Strickland's replacement, Joseph Jefferson, is questionable with a sore right knee. The other starter, Jason David, is expected to play despite a his injury.

If starting strong safety Mike Doss cannot play because of a strained groin, rook Bob Sanders will make his first NFL start. Culpepper isn't worried about the Colts' defense. He just wants to make sure everything clicks for the Vikings.

"We want to be good on every play," he said. "We want to execute every time, make the adjustments, and the ones who make the plays are the ones who win games."

And one failure Monday night could be one failure too many.

"We want to be perfect on every play," Stokley said. "If we aren't and we do lose the game, then that's on us. It doesn't matter if the defense gives up 800 yards, that's on us."

Melvin faces long rebuilding road with Diamondbacks

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — After the Wally Backman fiasco, the Arizona Diamondbacks were fortunate to have a handy and willing backup choice in Bob Melvin. The low-key Melvin so coveted

the managing job that he brushed aside any concern about being the team's second choice.

"This is the one I really wanted," he said. "This is where I feel most at home."

That home, though, is in disar-

That nome, though, is in disarray. Melvin faces some major challenges in rebuilding a team coming off one of the worst seasons in baseball history, at 51-111. And the franchise must mend an image damaged by the events of the past week.

Melvin, bench coach under Bob Brenly when the Diamondbacks won the World Series in 2001, brings a familiar face and a likable demeanor to the task.

"I think the record of Bob Melvin, and the coaches when who they are and how they conduct themselves, will go a long way toward restoring faith in this organization," General Manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said.

Melvin has lived in the Phoenix area for nearly a dozen years.

When he was fired after two seasons as manager of the Seattle Mariners, his eyes were on the Diamondbacks job. He was one of three finalists — and the top choice of many within the organization — but he lost out to Backman, whose fiery temperament and aggressive style won over managing partner Ken Kendrick.

Backman was introduced as the new manager Monday. Three days later, Melvin's phone rang. The Diamondbacks wanted another meeting, and they asked if he would still be interested in the

After The New York Times reported about Backman's two arrests, the Diamondbacks belatedly hired a company to do a background check. 44When you get 25 guys going in the right direction, in the same direction, it's a very powerful thing.??

Bob Melvin Arizona Diamondbacks manager

What they discovered led them to change course.

At another news conference Friday, Kendrick announced that Backman — who never signed a contract — would not get the job. Instead, Melvin agreed to a

two-year deal with club options.
"We made a mistake, and
we've decided to turn the page
and move forward in a different
direction," said chairman Jeff
Moorad, who has known Melvin
for 20 years. "That direction,
though, is one we're very optimis-

tic about."

Melvin wants to return to the old-school professionalism that

was the trademark of Arizona's best teams.

"The one thing that we did very well bere was play as a team," Melvin said. "Sometimes it's not he highest payroll. Sometimes it's not the most All-Star Game appearances among players on your team. It's getting 25 guys to go in the right direction and buy into it, and believe in their roles. When you get 25 guys going in the right direction, in the same direction, it's a very powerful thing."

Melvin played catcher for seven teams over 10 seasons in the majors, hitting .233 in 692

He was Phil Garner's bench

coach with Milwaukee in 1999 and moved with Garner to Detroit the next season. Brenly, a close friend, hired Melvin as bench coach in 2001, and the two were together through the 2002 season. Melvin was hired to replace Lou Piniella in Seattle, and the team went 93-59 in his first year. But Seattle faded to 63-99 last season, and Melvin lost his

The two years as a manager, he said, helped him learn better how to communicate with players, among other things.

Just what kind of team he will have in Arizona is a big question. The Diamondbacks want to re-sign Richie Sexson, but the slugger rejected the team's latest offer and will test the free-agent market.

Arizona needs at least one starting pitcher, a center fielder and at least one middle infielder. Randy Johnson has one year and \$16 million left on his contract with the Diamondbacks. He might want to go to a contender, and Arizona might be willing to entertain offers.

Woods closing lousy season with flourish

Former No. 1 tied for lead in Tour Championship

ATLANTA - What used to be routine felt like a novelty to Tiger Woods.

After four straight birdies on his way to a 5-under 65 at East Lake, the former No. 1 player in the world was introduced Saturday as one of the 54-hole leaders in the Tour Championship.

Woods raised his cap in mock celebration, and for good reason. It's been more than a year since he has been in this position.

"I think I've made steady progress," said Woods, who has only one victory this year and lost his No. 1 ranking two months ago to Vijay Singh. "This is just merely a continuation of it.

The final round shapes up as a battle of the ages.

Woods was tied 50-year-old Jay Haas, who recovered from two early bogevs for a 68. They were at 9-under 201 and will be paired together Sunday, two close friends born 22 years apart who haven't won in a while.

Of course that should be kent in perspective.

Woods has gone 19 stroke-play tournaments without winning his longest drought since turning pro in 1996. Haas has gone 11 years and 276 tournaments since



his last victory the 1993 Teyas

"I definitely won't be the favorite tomorrow," Haas said. "But what he does shouldn't affect what I do."

Woods lost 36-hole leads in hack-to-back weeks in May, the first sign that he no longer was the dominant force he was. That's what makes Sunday such an interesting test.

Woods is ruthless with at least a share of the 54-hole lead, win-ning 30 of 32 times in that posi-Putting together his best back-to-back rounds in four years only made him feel that much more confident

"I'm going to give it my best." Woods said. U.S. Open champion Retief

Goosen, playing with Woods, also made four straight birdies and had the outright lead until he failed to save par from two bunkers on the back nine. He shot 69 and was four shots behind, along with Mike Weir (67) and Stephen Ames (70)

Singh's bid to finish the year with 10 victories - the most since

 crashed with an indifferent round of 70 that left him 11 shots out of the lead.

You've got to be in contention to be 100 percent into it," said. "I'm just not into it."

Woods got himself into the mix with his two lowest consecutive rounds (64-65) since he won the Canadian Open four years ago by closing with 64-65-64. Of course, that was when Woods was at the height of his game.

He has gone through swing changes this year that have resulted in his worst year as a pro only one victory, at the Match Play Championship in late February when he could get away with some bad shots and ugly rounds.

Sorenstam dominates in Mizuno Classic victory

OTSU, Japan - Annika Sorenstam matched Laura Davies' LPGA Tour record for consecutive victories in a tournament Sunday, closing with a 7-under 65 for her fourth straight Mizuno Classic title.

Sorenstam won her seventh LPGA Tour title of the year and 55th overall, finishing at 22-under 194 for a nine-stroke victory over three players. She tied the record for consecutive victories in an



Tiger Woods hits out of the gallery to the second green during the third round of the Tour Championship on Saturday in Atlanta. Woods entered Sunday's final round tied for the lead with PGA veteran Jay Haas.

event set by Davies in the 1994-97 Standard Register Ping

After opening with a 63 and shooting a 66 Saturday to take a four-stroke lead into the final round, Sorenstam opened an eight-shot advantage with an

eagle and three birdies in a fourhole stretch on the front nine. Japan's Ai Miyazato and Mich ie Ohba shot 63s to tie for second with South Korea's Grace Park

Pavin third in Vietnam HANOI, Vietnam - Former

U.S. Open champion Corey Pavin finished third Sunday in the inau-gural Vietnam Masters, which was won by Angelo Que of the Philippines.

Oue shot a 2-under-par 70 for a two-stroke victory. Pavin, who closed with a 70,

birdied the third, fifth and seventh holes but was slowed by a bogey on the 13th.

Radcliffe wins closest-ever NYC Marathon

NEW YORK - Maybe this will make up for her Olympic heartbreak.

Britain's Paula Radcliffe surged ahead in

the final feet Sunday to win the tightest New York City Marathon in history in 2 hours, 23 minutes 10 seconds - less than three months after pulling out of the Athens Games just a few miles from the finish in a fit of tears. Radcliffe edged Kenya's

Sports briefs

Susan Chepkemei by 4 seconds to become the race's first non-Kenyan women's champion since 2000. She raised her arms in triumph after crossing the line and wrapped herself in the Union Jack flag.

No crying this time around.

The previous record for closest women's finish in New York was 5 seconds, Wanda Pan-fil's margin over Kim Jones in 1990. "I was reasonably confident I could over-

take her," Radcliffe said. The men's race wasn't nearly as thrilling, with Hendrik Ramaala of South Africa win-

ning in 2:09:28 for his first marathon victory Olympic silver medalist Meb Keflezighi of the United States was next across, 25 seconds behind

Major leaguers go deep in win over Japan

TOKYO - The Japanese won the pregame home run derby. Then the game started and the major league All-Stars put their bats to

Back-to-back home runs by Moises Alou and Vernon Wells in the fourth inning and by Johnny Estrada and Brad Wilkerson in the ninth powered the major leaguers past the Japanese stars 7-3 Sunday for a 3-0 lead in the eight-game series. Wells went 3-for-4 and had a two-run dou

ble to put his team up 5-3 in the eighth. The Toronto Blue Jays outfielder was the MVP of Game 3

The game marked the return to Japan of Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Kazuhisa Ishii, who last pitched in the country in the 2001 Japan Series for the Yakult Swallows. Ishi started and went five innings, allowing five hits and one earned run while striking out

"It felt strange pitching against [Atsuya] Furuta," said Ishii, referring to his former batterymate with the Swallows. "I couldn't even

look him straight in the face. St. Louis Cardinals reliever Ray King

worked two-thirds of an inning for the win.

United win shootout, reach MLS Cup

WASHINGTON - Nick Rimando stopped Clint Dempsey's shootout kick, and D.C. United rode Brian Carroll's successful boot mo ments earlier to a 4-3 victory Saturday over the New England Revolution and advanced to the MLS Cup

It was the first Major League Soccer game ever decided by penalty kicks. Eastern Conference champion United will

play Western Conference winner Kansas City for the title on Nov. 14 in Carson, Calif.

The teams were tied at 3 after 90 minutes of regulation and two 15-minute sudden-death overtimes, forcing the game to alternating nenalty kicks.

The teams were tied at three kicks apiece after five shooters D.C.'s sixth shooter. Carroll drove a shot

high and to the left, out of the reach of Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis.

Rimando then saved Demnsey's try to nreerve the win and give United the conference championship. That sent an RFK Stadium crowd of 21,101 into a frenzy.

Safin captures third Paris Masters crown

PARIS - Marat Safin overpowered Radek Stepanek 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 with the help of 16 aces Sunday to win his record-tying third Paris Masters title

Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion.

claimed his 14th career championship Stepanek was appearing in his first ATP Tour

(67) at 13 under.

Safin also won the Paris Masters in 2000 and 2002, and lost to Andre Agassi in the 1999

Tszvu KOs Mitchell to retain IBF title

GLENDALE, Ariz. - IBF junior welterweight champion Kostya Tszyu retained his title Saturday night, demolishing Sharmba Mitchell in less than three rounds of the long-awaited rematch between the former titleholders.

Tszyu (31-1) knocked Mitchell down four times - three in the third round.

The last time, the relentless native of a Rusian steel-mill city dropped Mitchell to his knees with two combinations, then hit him with two right hands, two lefts and a right before referee Raul Caiz stepped in at the 2:48

Tszyn was credited with a seven-round technical knockout of Mitchell (55-4) when they fought on Feb. 3, 2001. But that was because Mitchell had to retire after reinjuring his left

This time, Tszyu, a former champion of all three major divisions, left no question about his supremacy at 140 pounds, getting his 25th knockout and improving to 15-1 in world championship houts

U.S. women's unbeaten run over

PHILADELPHIA - Denmark snapped the U.S. women's soccer team's 21-game unbeat-en streak Saturday, beating the Americans 3-1 in an exhibition match

"They're a very good team," U.S. captain Julie Foudy said. "It reminds us that the world is getting better and it makes our accomplishments more sweet.

Marete Pedersen scored two goals for Den-

The U.S. team had not lost since a 3-1 set-back to Sweden on March 18.

McMurray edges out Kvle Busch

AVONDALE, Ariz. - Jamie McMurray beat a bitterly dis-appointed Kyle Busch on Saturday, winning the NASCAR Busch Series race at Phoenix International Raceway.

They swapped the lead twice in the final 27 laps. But McMurray used a surprising outside pass on a restart 10 laps from the scheduled finish to grab the lead from Busch the final time in the

Bashas' Supermarket 200.

Busch, who dominated the race, leading 151 of the first 190 laps, got a last chance to get back past McMurray's Dodge after Shane Hmiel and Kevin Harvick collided, igniting a multicar crash with four laps to go in regulation.

Without time to restart the race before lap 200, NASCAR finished with green-white-checker, two-lap overtime that began on lap

But McMurray, who led four times for 47 of the 205 laps on the one-mile oval, easiheld off the rookie this time as Busch found himself having to fend off series leader Martin Truex Jr. to hold on to second place.

"That was a great win for s," said McMurray, a Nextel Cup regular who got his sixth Busch win and second of the

Expansion Bobcats claim first victory

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Gerald Wallace slid face-first off the court after a hard foul, popped back up and looked at the scorehoard. He wasn't seeing things the Charlotte Bobcats really were on their way to the first win in

franchise history. The expansion Bobcats wres tled for rebounds, scrambled after loose balls and outhustled the Orlando Magic en route to a 111-100 victory on Saturday

Primoz Brezec, quickly emerg-ing as Charlotte's star player, had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Bohcats Wallace added 18 points and 10 rebounds, Steve Smith had 14 points, and Jason Hart had 14 points and 11 assists

Cutting Mobley led the Magic with 23 points. Grant Hill, playing in his first back-to-back games since Dec. 15-16, 2002, scored 16 for the Magic. Hedo Turkoglu also had 16

Celtics 107, Knicks 73: Paul Pierce scored 28 points, Ricky Davis added 20, and Boston shot 56 percent to win for the first time this season after opening with two losses at home.

The Celtics began pulling away late in the first quarter, then closed the first half with a 13-0 run. Boston went ahead by as many as 33 before the third quarter ended, and the only suspense in the fourth quarter revolved around how many of the booing York fans would stick around until the end.

Heat 118, Wizards 106: Dwv ane Wade had career highs with 37 points and 12 assists to again overshadow Shaquille O'Neal, and visiting Miami improved to 3-0 for the second time in franchise history

Wade made 11 of 16 field goals. 14 of 16 free throws and outshone the Wizards trio of Gilbert Are nas, Antawn Jamison and Larry Hughes, who combined for 7 points and rallied host Washington from a 10-point third-quarter deficit to tie the game late.

Pistons 99, 76ers 91: Chauncey Billups had 20 points 10 assists, and Richard and Hamilton added 17 points, leading Detroit over visiting Philadelnhia

Rasheed Wallace scored 16 points, and Ben Wallace had 11 points and 16 rebounds for the Pistons, who were without coach Larry Brown for a second straight game. Brown is hospital-ized after having hip surgery on Wednesday Wednesday.

Timberwolves 99, Hornets 92: Latrell Sprewell ended a quiet night with a flurry, scoring seven points over a two-minute snan down the stretch to snark Minnesota at home. Sprewell, whose contract com

plaints have been the main focus of this first week of the Timberwolves' season, finished with 14 points and five rebounds.

Kevin Garnett had eight of his 29 points in a 70-second span with less than two minutes remaining He also grabbed 15 rebounds.



Pacers 100. Bulls 90: With five players sitting out and both All Stars on the bench with foul trouble, a group of role players helped Indiana pull away for a victory over visiting Chicago.

Fred Jones hit three three-pointers during the 19-6 spurt in the third quarter, and Stephen Jackson led the way with 24 points and four steals to help the banged-up Pacers improve to

Indiana was up 62-57 with just over six minutes to play when Ron Artest and Jermaine O'Neal picked up their fourth fouls. That's when a group including Jackson, Jones, Jamaal Tinsley, Austin Croshere and David Harrison extended Indiana's lead

Suns 112, Nets 80: Steve Nash had 17 points and eight as-sists, and visiting Phoenix rode 57.4-percent shooting to its third straight victory.

Amare Stoudemire added 22

points, Joe Johnson had 18 and Shawn Marion 13 for Phoenix, which came into the game averaging an NBA-best 110 points.

Bucks 102, Cavaliers 88: Michael Redd scored 28 points and Keith Van Horn had 22 points and 14 rebounds for the Bucks in their home opener.

LeBron James scored 31 points for Cleveland, winless in three games this season. Jeff McInnis added 16 points and Drew Good-en had 12 for the Cavs.

Mavericks 112, Grizzlies 88: Dirk Nowitzki hit a nifty basket that turned into a three-point play in Dallas' game-turning surge and finished with 22 points There might be a lot of new

ieces, but Nowitzki and Michael Finley remain the centerpieces for the Mayericks, who improved to 3-0 after overcoming an early 12-point deficit at home. Finley added 23 points, and Nowitzki also had 13 rebounds.

Jazz 106, Nuggets 82: Carlos Boozer had 30 points and 17 rebounds, and Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points to help visiting Utah stav unbeaten.

After opening the season with easy wins over the Los Angeles Lakers and Golden State, Utah nut the Nuggets away early with good shooting and even better defense to open with three straight wins for the first time since going 5-0 in 2000-01.

Rockets 104, Kings 101 (OT): Ward made three-pointers in overtime, Yao Ming scored 33 points for the Rockets who rallied late in their home opener.

Tracy McGrady added 23 points in his Houston debut.

Clippers 94, Warriors 86: Maggette had 26 points and six assists, and Bobby Simmons added 22 points to lead Los Angeles past Golden State for its 11th victory in 14 meetings between the teams in Oakland

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

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Western Conference



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Heat 115, Wizards 106
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Three-Point Goals—Orlando 4-16 (Mobley
3-6, Stevenson 1-3, Garrity 0-3, Turkoglu 0-4),
Charlotte 3-4 (Hart 1-1, Samith 1-1, House
1-2), Fouled out-Francis, Mobley, Wallace,
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Three-Point Goals-New Orleans 7-18

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Bucks 102. Cavaliers 88

Mavericks 112. Grizzlies 88

MEMPHIS — Gasol 7-14 4-6 18, Posey 2-5 1-2 5, Wright 2-7 0-0 4, Williams 0-3 2-2 2, Wells 2-9 0-0 5, Battier 1-2 4-4 6, Miller 4-10 1-1 10, Swift 6-15 4-6 16, Watson 6-12 1-1 14, Cardinal 1-5 4-4 6, Jones 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 23-25 21-26 88.

DALLAS — Howard 1-6 4-4 6, Nowitzki 8-15 6-9 22, Dampier 5-7 3-6 13, Finley 10-19 1-1 23, Harris 4-8 4-4 14, Stackhouse 1-6 8-11 10, Henderson 1-1 0-0 2, Daniels 1-2 0-0 2, Terry 6-9 1-2 15, Bradley 0-1 4-4 4, Mbenga 0-0 1-2 1.

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mons 8-11 5-5 22, Wilcox 5-10 4-6 14, Mag-gette 9-16 7-926, Jaric 2-33-47, Moore 1-53-4 5, Ross 0-1 0-2 0, Livingston 3-5 0-0 6, Rebra-ca 0-0 0-0, Brunson 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 34-69 24-37 94. GOLDEN STATE — Murphy 7-13 3-4 17, Mike Dunleavy 2-12 3-6 7, Foyle 5-9, 0-10, R. Hordson 5-15 4-6 15, Gatton 6-12 6-8 18,

Chardson 5-15 4-5 15, Claxton 6-12 6-8 18, Fisher 2-8 0-0 4, Cheaney 4-8 0-0 8, Davis 0-1 2-2 2, Najera 0-65-8 5, Robinson 0-4 0-4 0, To-tals 31-88 23-38 85. L.A. Clippers 31 20 17 26-94 Golden State 15 22 22 27-86

Golden State
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LeBron James, Cie at Mil. — 31
Miles Bibby, Sac. at Hou. — 31
Allen Iverson, Phi. at Det. — 31
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Earles Boozer, Utah at Den. — 17
Ben Wallace, Det. vs. Phil. — 16
Sen Wallace, Det. vs. Phil. — 16
Sen Wallace, Det. Mil. vs. Cie. — 14
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Baron Davis, N.O. at Min. — 12
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Calendar

Jan. 5 — 10-day contracts may be signed.
Jan. 10 — All player contracts guaranteed Jan. 10 — Ali player contracts guaranteed or rest of the season. Feb. 18-20 — All-Star weekend, Denver. Feb. 24 — Trading deadline, 3 p.m. EST. April 25 — Regular season ends. April 25 — Playoffs begin April 25 — Playoffs begin June 7 — Earliest possible NBA Finals start lafe.

Chang sets two passing records

BY JAYMES SONG The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Timmy Chang became the most prolific passer in college history Saturday night, throwing for 285 yards and four touchdowns in Hawaii's 34-23 vic-

tory over Louisiana Tech.
Chang needed just 14 yards to break Ty Detmer's NCAA career mark of 15,031 yards set from 1988-91, and overtook the Heisman Trophy winner from BYU with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jason Rivers on Hawaii's second

"It's very special, I'm not going to lie," Chang said. "Right now, I'm not really thinking about it, but I'm going to look back on it and be very pleased."

The crowd erupted and gave Chang a standing ovation as the referees handed him the game ball. Chang — who finished the game with 15,303 yards — racross the field and gave the ball and a hug to his father, Levi, on the sideline

"I just told him I loved him and I wanted to thank him," Chang said. "Your family is probably the most underrated people around you, and my family played a big role in my life."

Teammates poured onto the field as flashbulbs sparkled in Aloha Stadium

"He's a special guy," Bulldogs coach Jack Bicknell said. "He made the big plays and he's a great kid."

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On the first play of the second quarter, the fifth-year senior from Honolulu also broke the NCAA career completions mark of 1,231 held by Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury.

Chang finished 26-for-42, and

Chang finished 26-for-42, and Rivers caught eight passes for 137 yards.





Utah quarterback Alex Smith (11) prepares to pass to wide receiver Paris Warren for a touchdown against Colorado State.

Smith keeps Utah rolling toward BCS

BY DOUG ALDEN The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Seventh-ranked Utah has its first 9-0 start and has scored more points than any other team in school history.

And there's more to go

Alex Smith threw for 291 yards and four touchdowns to lead Utah past Colorado State 63-31 on Saturday night, continuing his Heisman Trophy campaign and his team's hopes for a Bowl Championship Series bid.

"I keep expecting to hit a roadblock sometime, but this team keeps proving me wrong," said Smith, who completed 21 of 26 passes. "Offensively, I don't know who can stop us."

So far, nobody has — and recently no one has even come close.

Morgan Scalley returned a fumble 88 yards for a score and Marty Johnson and Paris Warren both scored three touchdowns to help the Utes (9-0, 5-0 Mountain West) break the school record for points in a season with 412. That tops the 405 points scored in 1985 and Utah still has two regular-season games to go.

"We not only play for this team, but we play for teams in the past," Scalley said. Being "9-0 is great, but it doesn't mean a lot unless we keep rolling."

The Utes, who have had two other 8-0 starts, scored more than 50 points for the third straight week and moved a step closer to a perfect season and a possible BCS bid — the first for a school outside the six BCS conferences.

An Orange Bowl representative attended the game, and the Utes once again put on a scoring display, although hoping for a spot in the national title game might be aiming a little high. Utah was sixth in the BCS standings entering the weekend and had little trouble beating the Rams (3-2-3) for the second straight season.

The Utes had four scoring drives of 80 yards or more and forced five turnovers.

"Utah is the best in the Mountain West. There's no question about that," said Rams coach Sonny Lubick, who had Meyer as an assistant at Colorado State in the early 90s. "Offensively, this team is consistent. They're explosive. They've got a nice scheme."

Colorado State's Caleb Hanie was 11-for-25 for 190 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw three interceptions. Hanie also ran for a touchdown during Colorado State's 21-point fourth quarter against the Utah reserves.

The Utes scored three touchdowns in each of the first two quarters and rested Smith, who is hoping to be Utah's Irist Heisman Trophy finalist, for most of the second half. He came back in midway through the fourth quarter after Colorado State's three touchdowns, and threw his fourth TD pass of the game, but the outcome was never in question.

Cavs shut out Terps, stay tied atop ACC

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. —
Wali Lundy ran for two touchdowns, giving him 14 this season,
and No. 12 Virginia remained in a
first-place tie in the Atlantic
Coast Conference with a 16-0 win
over Maryland on Saturday.

In a game that has grown into a bitter rivalry, neither team looked especially sharp at the beginning. But the Cavaliers (7-1, 4-1 ACC) wore down the Terranis (4-5, 2-4) on the ground, running for 295 yards. Alvin Pearman led the way with 170 yards on 31 carries, and Lundy added 107 yards on 24 attempts.

Virginia's defense also played a Virginia's defense also played a post Joel Statham to follow up his 333-yard performance in a 20-17 victory against Florida State last week, or Josh Allen to come anywhere near the career-best 257 yards he ran for against Virginia last year.

Statham was 10-for-17 for just 115 yards before being replaced by Jordan Steffy in the fourth quarter. Statham was intercepted twice by linebacker Ahmad Brooks. Allen ran for 39 yards on 10 tries. No. 8 Georgia 62. Kentucky

No. 8 Georgia 62, Kentucky 17: In Lexington, Ky., David Greene passed for 259 yards and set an NCAA Division I-A record for victories by a quarterback with 40, breaking former Tennessee star Peyton Manning's mark.

Georgia (8-1, 6-1 SEC) prepped for its showdown with No. 3 Auburn by scoring on six consecutive possessions against the Wildcats (1-8, 0-6), who have lost seven straight. Freshman tailback Thomas

Brown ran for a career-high 130 yards and had three short Tunus for Georgia, which had a season-high 589 yards of total offense. The Bulldogs' point total was their highest since a 70-6 rout of Northeast Louisiana in 1994.

No. 13 Florida St. 29, Duke 7: In Tallahassee, Fla, backup quarterback Wyatt Sexton led three long scoring drives in the second half, and Gary Cismesia tied a school record with five field goals in his college debut.

Sexton completed 11 of 15 passes for 220 yards and a touchdown while taking the Seminoles (7-2, 5-2 ACC) on drives of 93, 80 ard 70 yards to break open a tight game with 20 straight points. Sexton replaced Chris Rix, who failed to get the Seminoles into the end zone in the first half.

No. 15 West Virginia 42, Temple 21: Kay-Jay Harris caught two scoring passes and ran for two other touchdowns to lead West Virginia at home.
West Virginia's Chris Henry,

West Virgima's Chris Henty, benched for the first half after being ejected last week against Rutgers, caught a 40-yard TD pass from Rasheed Marshall late had two unsportsmanilite penalties last week, flipped the ball around his body after the scoring catch. The ball hit a Temple player, but Henry, motioning that it was meant for the referee, wasn't flagged.



West Virginia (8-1, 4-0 Big East) struggled again on defense, but Temple (1-8, 0-4) couldn't convert its many opportunities into scores.

No. 18 Virginia Tech 27, North Carolina 24: Mike Imoh ran for 236 yards and two touchdowns and the visiting Hokies survived a late North Carolina rally, which fell short when the Tar Heels missed a tying 54-yard field goal with about a minute left.

The Tar Heels, who upset Miami last week on a last-play field goal by freshman Connor Barth, seemed poised for more late-game heroics. North Carolina drove to the Tech 26 in the closing minutes, but an 11-yard sack of Darian Durant on third down made Barth's job much tougher. His 54-yard attempt fell short.

No. 20 lowa 23, Purdue 21: Drew Tate threw two touchdown passes and Iowa 7-2, 5-1 Big Ten forced five turnovers and blocked two field goals to run its home winning streak to 17, the fourth-longest string in the nation.

Brandon Kirsch, starting in place of the injured Kyle Orton, threw three touchdown passes for Purdue. But his miscues in the fourth quarter, one fumble and two interceptions, scuttled Purdue's attempt to rally from a 17-point deficit. Kirsch was 25-for-42 for 280

Kirsch was 25-for-42 for 280 yards, including a 10-yard TD pass to Taylor Stubblefield in the final minutes. Stubblefield in the sinhed with 15 catches for 153 yards. But the Hawkeyes recovered the ensuing onside kick to hand Purdue its fourth straight loss, its first skid of that length since 1993.

Cincinnati 52, No. 21 Southern Miss 24: Gino Guidugli threw three of his Cincinnati-record five touchdown passes to Hannibal Thomas.

Guidugli was 19-for-26 for 308 yards for visiting Cincinnati (5-4, 4-2 Conference USA), which snapped the Golden Eagles' 13-game league winning streak and beat a ranked team for the first time in four years.

No. 23 Arizona St. 34, Stanford 31: Andrew Walter threw 4 yards to Matt Miller — his fourth touchdown pass of the night — with 9 seconds to play to give host Arizona State (7-2, 4-2 Pac-10) a wild victory over Stanford (2-4, 4-5).

Cardinal backup quarterback T.C. Ostrander had given his team a 31-26 lead with a 67-yard touchdown pass to Alex Smith with 2:02 remaining.

But Walter, who was 28-for-43 for 415 yards and broke John Elway's Pac-10 record for career touchdown passes, was 4-for-8 for 79 yards on a 13-play, 80-yard drive for the winning score.

No. 24 Boston College 21, Rutgers 10: Paul Peterson scored on a 1-yard run and threw for a touchdown to lead the host Eagles.



College football scoreboard

AP Top 25 fared

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared this week: No. 1 Southern Cal (9-0) beat Oregon State 28-20. Next; vs. Arizona, Saturday. No. 2 Oklahoma (9-0) beat No. 22 Texas NO. 2 Okanoma (9-0) beat No. 22 Texas A&M 42-35, Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday. No. 3 Auburn (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Georgia, Saturday. No. 4 California (7-1) beat Oregon 28-27. No. 6 **Collecture ("TV) beat Oregon 28.7.

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21-10. Next: at No. 15 W. Virginia, Saturd No. 25 UTEP (6-2) did not play. Next Rice, Saturday. Saturday No. 1 USC 28, Oregon St. 20 rornia 0 7 7 14–28 First Quarter rna 25. 3:41 Southern California Oregon St.

OSU—FG Serna 25, 3:41. OSU—FG Serna 33, 1:41. Second Quarter OSU—Love 8 pass from Anderson (Serna

kick), 9:02. USC-Byrd 18 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick), 4:12. USC-Byrd 25 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick), 12:14.

Fourth Quarter
USC-Bush 65 punt return (Killeen kick).
12:27.

12:27.
USC-White 5 run (Killeen kick), 7:11,
OSU-Hawkins 36 pass from Anderson
(Serna kick), 2:36.
A-36,412.

USC First downs 20 22 44-210 25-34 205 330 17-31-1 22-51-2 Rushes-yards Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards 187 112 7-43.1 8-46.5 4-2 2-1 6-50 4-35 32:39 27:21

Passing—USC, Leinart 17-31-1-205. Oregon St, Anderson 22-51-230. Receiving—USC, Byrd 7-85, Holmes 3-60, Rett 2-21, Bush 2-6, Kirtman 1-17, Mitchell 1-11, White 1-5. Oregon St, Hass 8-119, Love 5-71, Newton 4-75, Wheat-Brown 3-31, Hawk-ins 1-36, Wright 1-(minus 2).

No. 2 Oklahoma 42. No. 22 Texas A&M 35 7 14 14 7-42 14 14 0 7-35

rexas A&M r 14 14 7-25
TA&M-Murphy 18 pass from McNeal (Pegram kick), 8:57.
TA&M-McNeal 1 run (Pegram kick), 4:42.
Okla-Wilson 31 pass from White (DiCarlo kick), 2:1. Second Quarter roeder 45 pass from McNeal

TA&M—Schroeder m kick), 13:53. (Pegram kick), 13:53.

Okla—Peterson 4 run (DiCarlo kick), 10:49.

TA&M—Taylor 71 pass from Young (Pegram kick), 8:48.
Okla—Finley 24 pass from White (DiCarlo

KICK), 1:09.

Third Quarter

Okla—Bradley 11 pass from White (DiCarlo klck), 14:08 Okla-Moses 2 pass from White (DiCarlo kick), 8:41.

kick), 8:41. Fourth Quarter
TA&M—Thomas 4 pass from Schroeder
(Pegram kick), 10:08.
Okla—Bradley 39 pass from White (DiCarlo
kick), 6:43.

Okla TA&M 26 23 42-141 33-129 First downs Rushes-vards Passing Comp-Att-Int 292 360 19-35-0 20-38-1 6-35 5-36 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Oklahoma, Peterson

Rushing—Oklahoma, Peterson 29-101, K.Jones 11-38, Bradley 1-13, White 1-(minus 11). Texas A&M, Lewis 9-57, Branyon 7-38, Murphy 2-14, Joseph 4-12, Carter 2-6, McNeal -2. Passing—Oklahoma, White 19-35-0-292 exas A&M. McNeal 11-24-1-213. Branyor rexas AcM, MCNEB 11-24-1-213, Branyon 7-12-0-72, Young 1-1-0-71, Schroeder 1-1-0-4, Receiving—Oklahoma, Clayton 6-102, Wil-son 5-51, Bradley 3-59, Moses 3-45, Finley 1-24, B.Jones 1-11, Texas A&M, Carter 4-68, Taylor 3-103, Murphy 3-31, Schroeder 2-63,

Riley 2-37, Lewis 2-22, Franks 2-19, Mobley 1-13, Thomas 1-4. No. 4 California 28, Oregon 27 20 7 0 0-27

Cal-Arrington 30 run (Schneider kick), 9:30. :30. Ore—Day 1 pass from Clemens (Siegel ck), 6:59. Cal—Stevens 26 pass from Rodgers schneider kick), 5:59. Ore—Rosario 38 pass from Clemens (Siegle kick), 5:45. Ore—Day 16 pass from Clemens (kick falled), 4:35.

Ore—Maxwell 7 pass from Clemens (Siegel kick), 2:17. gel kick), 2:17;" / pass from Clemens (Sie-Cal—McArthur 21 pass from Rodgers (Schnelder kick), :52. Cal—McArthur 19 pass from Rodgers (Schnelder kick), 13:25.

Ore First downs Rushes-yar 22 22 34-141 36-219 218 275 19-33-0 21-32-0 Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards 115 83 6-39.5 3-37.7 0-0 2-2 7-60 5-45 28:06 31:54

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Time of Possession 1760 5-25
Rushing-Oregon, Writehead 15-31, Clean
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No. 5 Wisconsin 38, Minnesota 14

0 7 7 0-14 21 10 7 0-38 First Quarter
Wis—Stocco 1 run (Allen kick), 12:18.
Wis—Orr 17 pass from Stocco (Allen kick),

Min First downs Rushes-yards Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost 13 28 18-73 60-228 258 297 17-34-0 19-26-0 5-43.8 1-42.0

Fumbles-Lost 1.1 1.2-0
Penalties-Vards 1.5.29 44:31
Time of Possession 15:29 44:31
MIDVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing-Minnesota, Maroney 8-57, Barber 7-34, Cupto 2-(minus 10, Wallace 1-(minus 12), Wiscomsin, Davis 31-124, Bernstein 11-37, Williams 2-28, Stoco 7-19, Starnley 5-11, Donovan 1-11, Walker 2-1, Team 1-19, Staffer 1-10, Marker 2-1, Team 1-10, Passign 1-10, Marker 2-1, Team 1-10, Walker 2-1, Team 1-10, Walk (minus 1). Passing—Minnesota, Cupito 17-33-0-258, arber 0-1-0-0. Wisconsin. Stocco 19-26-0-

297.

Receiving – Minnesota, Wheelwright 6-83 Ellerson 4-42, Spaeth 2-28, Maroney 2-10 Hamilton 1-46, Wallace 1-29, Valentine 1-94, Wisconsin, Williams 5-87, Daniels 4-39, On 3-88, Charles 2-32, Poclask 1-27, Paciotti 1-27 Bernstein 1-8, Wihle 1-7, Davis 1-2.

No. 6 Texas 56. No. 19 Oklahoma St. 35

Oklahoma St. 14 21 0 0-35 Texas 7 7 21 21-56 Akts 14 21 0 (7 7 21 21 First Quarter Oks—Crosslin 4 run (Ricks kick), 11:58 UT—Benson 7 run (Mangum kick), 8:35 Oks—Morency 68 pass from Do. Wolcks kick), 7:11.

(Ricks kick), 7:11. Second Quarter
Oks—Morency 13 run (Ricks kick), 9:31.
Oks—Do. Woods 1 run (Ricks kick), 8:31.
Oks—Shaw 1 run (Ricks kick), 1:21.
UK-Scalife 5 pass from V.Young (Mangum kick), 3:3.

Third Quarter

UT—Benson 1 nun (Mangum kick), 11:21.
UT—Taylor 48 nun (Mangum kick), 71:61.
UT—Taylor 48 nun (Mangum kick), 73:61.
UT—Taylor 48 nun (Mangum kick), 33:41.
Taylor 48 nun (Mangum kick), 13:17.
UT—Benson 5 nun (Mangum kick), 93:3.
UT—V, Young 42 nun (Mangum kick), 6:57.
A=83,161.

OKST First downs 18 27 47-178 42-322 224 278 12-18-1 18-22-2 Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards 2-42 2-0 9-64 24:53 5-41 0-0 9-60

Penalties-Yards 19-60 9-64 19-65 19thews 3-7, team? 2-fminus 4)?**

Passing-Oklahoma St., Do. Woods 12-18-1-224. Texas, V.Young 18-21-2-278, team 0-1-0-0. Receiving-Oklahoma St., D'J Woods 4-94, Elliot 4-1, Morency 2-76, Crosslin 1-10, Bajesweed 4-70, Thomas 2-34, Taylor 1-44, Jeffery 1-9.

No. 7 Utah 63, Colorado St. 31 Colorado St. 3 7 0 21—31 21 21 14 7—63 Utah — First Quarter Utah—Warren 5 pass from Smith (Carroll kick), 9:51 Colorado St. Utah

Utah—Scalley 88 fumble return (Carroll kick), 8:04
CSU—FG Babcock 39, 4:36
Utah—Warren 6 pass from Smith (Carroll kick), 1:18

Second Quarter
Utah—Sayov 22 pass from Smith (Carroll ick), 10:04
Utah—MJohnson 1 run (Carroll kick), 3:50
Utah—MJohnson 1 run (Carroll kick), 3:9
CSU—Morton 26 pass from Hanie (Babock kick), :12
Third Quarter

CSU-Morton 24 pass from Hanie (Bacock), 11:10
CSU-Hanie 48 run (Babcock kick), 7:15
Utah-Warren 9 pass from Smith (Carr
kick), 5:07

First downs Rushes-vards 23 28 39-226 45-24 194 292 12-26-3 23-29-0 -1 204 3-43 3-40 Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost 3-2 2-0 7-50 13-130 29:23 30:37

penantes Yards on 253 12-107 Time of Postage 253 12-107 Time of Postage 253 12-107 Time of Postage 254 Morton 2-50, USBORN 2-44, ANDERSON 2-33. Utah, Warren 10-98, Savoy 6-121, LaTen-dresse 2-43, Mandsen 2-22, Ganther 1-8, M.Johnson 1-2, Walker 1-(minus 2).

No. 8 Georgia 62. Kentucky 17

seorgia 3 17 14 28-26 lentucky First Quarter Geo-FG A.Bailey 46, 2:57. Geo-Pope 1 pass from Greene (A.Bailey Ick), 11:46.

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Geo 24 45-245 Ken First downs Rushes-yards 18 23-54 344 290 19-30-0 25-44-2 171 150 1-41 7-45

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Notre Dame 17. No. 9 Tennessee 13

7 0 7 3-17 3 7 3 0-13 First Quarter Ten—FG Wilhoit 30, 8:57.

ND—Fasano 8 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:16. Second Quarter
Ten-Houston 56 pass from Ainge (Wilholt kick), 2:47. Third Quarter
ND—Goolsby 25 interception return (FitzBarrick Rick Mod. 33, 1:28.
ND—FG Fitzparick 39, 7:23.
A—107,256.

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Passing-Notre Dame, Quinn 12-23-0-118. Tennessee, Ainge 11-18-0-149, Clausen 10-18-1-120.

10-18-1-120.

Receiving—Notre Dame, McKnight 4-35, Stovall 2-41, Fasano 2-16, Wilson 1-18, Carlson 1-3, Powers-Neal 1-3, Thomas 1-2. Tennessee, Swain 5-68, Houston 4-78, Meachem 4-67, Smith 2-17, Brown 2-15, Riggs 2-6, Han non 1-15, Anderson 1-3. Clemson 24

No. 11 Miami 17 (OT) 3 0 7 7 7-24 10 7 0 0 0-17

Mia-Gore 23 First Quarter
Mia-Gore 23 First Quarter
Mia-FG Peathe kick), 12:56.
Mia-FG Peathe 35, 607.
Clem-FG Dean 48, 2:52.
Second Quarter
Mia-Gore 14 run (Peatile kick), 1:9.
Third Quarter
Clem-Merriweather 27 run (Dean kick), 8:00.

Clem-Merriweather 1 run (Dean kick),

Overtime
Clem—Merriweather 2 run (Dean kick).
A=55,225. Clem Mia 18 21 36-113 38-101 First downs Rushes-vards Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost 258 245 21-37-1 22-46-0 165 34 8-39 10-46 3-1 7-46 30-45 1-0 5-35 29:15 Penalties-Yards Time of Possession

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing - Clemson, Merriweather, 20-114,
Dean 1-6, Currie 1-4, Kelly 1-2, Coleman 6-0,
Team 1-(minus 1). Whitehurst 6-(minus 12). Team 1-(minus 1), Whitehurst 6-(minus 12), Miami, Gore 20-105, Moss, 7-15, Hestr 2-12, Hill 2-9, Team 1-(minus 2), Berlin 6-(minus 38). Passing—Clemson, Whitehurst 21-37-1-258, Miami, Berlin 22-46-0-245, Receiving—Clemson, Currie 7-128, Baham 4-56, Merniweather 4-2, Coleman 3-20, Grant

4-30, Merriwadie 4-24, Goreina 3-25, Stuckey 1-5, **Miami**, Parrish 6-93, Jolle 4-43, Ortega 4-17, Gore 2-36, Moss 2-25, Jenkins 2-17, Everett 1-17, Hill 1-(minus 3). No. 12 Virginia 16, Maryland 0

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Rushing-Maryland, Allen 10-39, Statham
7-13, Maldonado 5-8, team 1-fminus 2)
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Steffy 4-fminus 7) Virginia, Pagnama 31-170,
Passing-Maryland, Statham 10-172-118.
Steffy 5-9-6-8 (Virginia, Hagang 10-172-114.
Receiving-Maryland, Davis 5-104, Fenner
Steffy 5-9-6-8 (Virginia, Hagang 16-172-114.
Receiving-Maryland, Davis 5-104, Fenner
17-7, Allen 1-fminus 3), Virginia, Santi 3-33,
McGrew 2-21, Estes 1,27, Pegarman 1-13,
Lunoy 1-9, Miller 1-8, Williams 13-1

No. 13 Florida St. 29, Duke 7 Duke Florida State

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ua kick), 7:34.

Fourth Quarter
FSU—Lewis 4 run (Cismesia kick), 11:19.
FSU—FG Cismesia 43, 5:08.
A—80,598. Duke 14 First downs

Rushes-yards Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards 33-61 31-180 169 314 21-33-3 20-30-1 26 41 Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards 6-47 3-2 7-34 4-43 0-0 7-80 Time of Possession 3451 25:09
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Duke, Drummer 1-24, Dargan 12-23, Fryer 4-20, Adams 3-14, Ball 3-4, Boyle

12-23, Fryer 4-20, Adams 3-14, Ball 3-4, Boyle 2-4, team 2-(minus 1), Landrum 1-(minus 9) Schneider 5-(minus 18), **Florida St.**, Booke 15-130, Lewis 6-23, Davis 2-17, Rix 2-6, dwards 2-5, Dean 1-3, Coleman 1-1, Sextor -(minus 5). Passing—Duke, Schneider 19-31-3-155, Da olito 1-1-0-5, McDonald 1-1-0-9. Florida St.

polito 1:1-0-5, McDonald 1:1-0-9, Florida St., Sexton 11:15-0-220, Rix 9:15-1-94. Receiving—Duke, Patrick 6-51, Roland 5-46, Thompson 4-26, Boyle 2-7, Wright 1-16, Dar-gan 1:11, Eliott 1-8, McCormick 1-4. Florida St., Stovall 8-138, Fagg 3:26, Booker 3:14, Davis 2-95, Hallback 2-6, Irons 1:28, Sam 1-7. No. 15 West Virginia 42.

Temple 21

Temple WVirginia First Quarter WVIU-K.Harris 5 pass from Marshall (Coo-per kick), 3:52. 5 pass from Marshall (Coo-per kick), 1:37.

per kick), 137.

**Coord Quarter
**Washington 1 run (Lux kick), 1347.

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**Tem—Washington 1 run (Lux kick), 250.

**WVI—Kharris 2 run (Cooper kick), 135.

**WVI—Kharris 4 run (Cooper kick), 1131.

**Fourth Quarter

**WVI—Williams 6 run (Cooper kick), 805.

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**WVI—Williams 6 run (Cooper kick), 805.

**Tem—Goodman 3 pass from Washington

(Lux kick), 1:33. A-52,108. ww

First downs Rushes-yards 21 23 43-237 47-237 206 174 16-24-1 14-19-1 Passing Comp-Att-Int K.Harris 13-68, Colson 5-19, Hales 1-(minus Passing—Temple, Washington 16-24-1-206. West Virginia, Marshall 14-19-1-174. Receiving—Temple, Goodman 4-102, Fergu-son 3-29, Chuku 2-21, Allbrooks 2-20, Brown 501 3-29, Chuku 2-21, Albrooks 2-20, Brown 2-13, J.Harris 2-11, Ibeh 1-10. **West Virginia**. Jackson 5-52, Henry 2-46, K.Harris 2-34, Hales 2-13, Henderson 1-28, Pennington 1-5, Thompson 1-(minus 4).

No. 18 Virginia Tech 27, North Carolina 24

VT = FG Pace 24, 1:13.
Third guarter
VT = FG Pace 16, 10:34
VT = Imon 13 run (Pace kick), 3:40.
NC = FG Barth 30, 45.
Fourth guarter
NC = Walker 1 blocked punt return (Barth

VT NC
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7-18-0 14-21-1
20 45
3-27 3-39
2-0 0-0
4-35 7-56
36:03 23:57 First downs Rushes-yards Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yard Penalties-Yards 4-35
Time of Possession 36:03
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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Rushing—Virginia Tech, Imoh 31-236,
Hamilton 4-14, Humes 2-13, Randall 12-11,
team 2-(minus 4). North Carolina, Scott
15-122, Pollock 2-5, Durant 8-3, Hedgecock Passing—Virginia Tech, Randall 7-18-0-100. North Carolina, Durant 14-20-1-165, Hall 0-1-0-0, Receiving – Virginia Tech, Royal 4-84, Mor-gan 1-12, Imoh 1-3, Hamilton 1-1. North Caro-lina, Pollock 6-40, Wright 2-59, Mason 2-42, Scott 2-14, Holley 2-10.

No. 20 Iowa 23, Purdue 21 0 7 7 7-21 17 0 0 6-23

iowad II 7 7-21 Iow-Hinkel 1 pass from Tate (Schlicher kick), 11:12. Iow-FG Schlicher 34, 5:27. Iow-FG Schlicher 34, 5:27. Iow-FG Schlicher 34, 5:27.

Pur-Hare 48 pass from Kirsch (Jones kick), 2:58 Pur-Ingraham 22 pass from Kirsch (Jones kick), 1:41.

Name (1) 141. Fourth Quarter town-FG Schilcher 22, 131.5 tow-FG Schilcher 22, 131.5 tow-FG Schilcher 26, 6:03 Fur-Stublefield 10 pass from Kirsch Jones Kick), 25

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71-52
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27-52
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Return Yards

6-37.8

Fumbles-Lost

Fumbles-Lost First downs 19 18 27-52 34-43 305 278 27-45-2 25-46-1 34 65 6-37.8 6-41 3-3 3-0 7-61 7-40 27-51 32:05

7). Passing—Purdue, Kirsch 25-43-2-280, Stub-blefield 1-1-0-16, Brytus, 1-1-0-9. Iowa, Tate 24-45-1-270, Sims 1-1-0-8. 24-45-1-270, Sims 1-1-0-8. 1-75-1044, 148-Recelving—Purdue, Stubblefield 15-153, in-graham 6-70, Jones 3-9, Davis 2-25, Hare 1-48. Iowa, Solomon 8-76, Hinkel 6-38, Chandler 4-122, Holloway 3-19, Busch 1-13, Tate 1-8, Jackson 1-2, Sims 1-0.

Cincinnati 52, No. 21 Southern Miss. 24

Cincinnati 10 7 14 21—52
Southern Miss First Quarter
Cin—FG Lovell 26, 7:01.
Cin—Jones 8 pass from Guidugli (Lovell kick), 4:24.

KICK), 4:24. Second Quarter
USM—Hardy I run (McCaleb kick), 9:59, Cin—H.Thomas 15 pass from Guidugli (Lovell kick), 3:1. Il kick), :31.

Third Quarter
Cin—H.Thomas 80 pass from Guidugli (Lov-Il kick), 14:12.
Cin—Glatthaar 1 run (Lovell kick), 10:51.
USM—FG McCaleb 20, 6:58.

Fourth Quarter Cin—Celek 20 pass from Guidugli (Lovell kick), 14:54. kick), 14:54. USM—Almond 1 run (McCaleb kick), 10:17. Cin—H.Thomas 47 pass from Guidugli (Lov-ell kick), 9:25. n Kick), 9:25. הואס היסים Guidugli (Lc Cin—Carey 5 run (Lovell kick), 2:26. USM—J.Young 1 run (McCaleb kick), :30. A—30.690.

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No. 23 Arizona St. 34. Stanford 31

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kick), 2:40.

Second Quarter
ASU—FG Ainsworth 34, 14:55
Sta—Tolon 1 run (Sgrol kick), 5:29.
ASU—Richardson 41 pass from Walter
(Ainsworth kick), 4:58.
ASU—M. Miller 52 pass from Walter
(Aisworth kick), 4:00.
Third Quarter

ASU—Safety, Tolon tackled in end zone,

ASU—Safety, Tolon Tackled in end zone, 1911—Z.Allie 7, pass from Walter (Alraworth kick), 34, Courth Quarter Stan-Jones Tourn (Camarillo pass from Ostrander), 1907 un (Camarillo pass from Ostrander (run Stan-Sonth 67 pass from Ostrander (run Stan-South Miller 4 pass from Walter (Burgess run), 39.

First downs

son 1-0, Walter 10-(minus 27).

Passing—Stanford, Edwards 8-20-3-85, Ostrander 8-15-1-161. Arizona St., Walter 28-42-1-415, team 0-1-0-0.

Receiving—Stanford, Smith 5-112, Moore 5-84, Camarillo 2-28, Bradford 1-11, Marrero 1-9, Tolon 1-9, Edwards 1-(minus 6). Arizona St., Hagan 8-108, Z.Miller 6-78, Richardsor 5-107, Mutz 5-56, M.Miller 2-56, Burgess 2-10

No. 24 Boston College 21, Rutgers 10

Rutgers 7 0 3 0-10 Boston College 7 0 7 7-21 First Quarter BC-Kiwanuka 32 interception return

First Quarter v 0 7 7—22

BC—Kiwanuku Interception return
(Ohliger kick), 12-01.
Rut—Hart Srun (Itok kick), 190.
Rut—FG Ito 24 Find Quarter
BC—Peterson I run (Ohliger kick), 342.
BC—Kashett 13 plas from Peterson
(Ohliger slick), 13-31.

32-73 302 25 21 37-82 296 36 Passing Return yards Comp-Att-Int Punts-Ave. Fumbles-lost 29-43-3 22-38-2 7-31.7 5-38.0 1-0 4-2 Penalties-yards Time of possess 12-80 8-60 30:28

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Tul-Jackson I run (Beucher kick), 12:11
Second Quarter
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Tul-Williams 28 pass from Ricard (Beucher kick), 11:42
Tul-Forte 18 pass from Ricard (Beucher kick), 2:11

Fourth Quarter
Tul – Jackson 22 run (Beucher kick), 12:22
A–21,484.

Navy 17 First downs 56-262 43-215

2-(minus 3), Route Seminus 11, team Passing - Navy, Polar 19:1-12, Owens 2-5-0-38, Tulane, Ricard 18-19-0-323, Receiving - Navy, Dryden 1-31, Eckel 1-9, Divis 1-7, Tomilisson 1-3, Tulane, Williams 6-148, Bush 3-71, Forte 3-72, Davis 1-33, Terra-nova 1-15, Davis 1-13, Smith 1-8, Boudreaux 1-4, Jackson 1-4.

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and two touchdowns to lead Army (2-6, 2-4 Conference USA). Jones, with 1,057 yards this year, is now the ninth Army running back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season.

The Black Knights have dropped 15 of the last 16 to Air Force, including eight straight. They last beat the Falcons in

"You've got to give Air Force a lot of credit," Army coach Bobby Ross said. "We jumped on them early and they came back, held

two remaining games to avoid its first losing season since 1993. It would be only the second in De-Berry's 21 seasons as head coach.

"We are still 4-5 right now ... we've got to get out there the next couple weeks and finish strong."

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Ricard, who completed his last 14 passes, had a school-record 94.7 completion percentage.

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Air Force reverses course vs. Army

WEST POINT, N.Y. -

Force head coach Fisher DeBerry wanted quarterback Adam Fitch to energize his sput-Service tering team.

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Fitch, a junior making his first career start, did just

that, running for 115 yards and a touchdown to lead Air Force to a 31-22 victory over Army on Satur-

Darnell Stephens added two TDs for the Falcons (4-5, 2-3 MWC), who amassed 345 yards rushing and snapped a two-game losing streak.

Fitch, previously relegated to a backup role for most of the sea son because of an injury, finished 7-for-8 passes for 84 yards.

"Adam Fitch did a good job today." DeBerry said. "He was in control. He did give us a spark. Our players certainly believe in

"Our football team has bled for him all year long because they know how competitive he is. .. Nobody has ever worked to come

Carlton Jones ran for 213 yards

their poise and played very well." Air Force still needs to win its

"This is just a step," Fitch said.

Tulane 42, Navy 10: At New

Two of Ricard's touchdown

Navy (7-2) failed in its attempt

terback Roger Staubach.



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Fifth-ranked Badgers stay perfect Oklahoma emerges

By ARNIE STAPLETON

MADISON, Wis. — The fifth-ranked Wisconsin Badgers didn't have to rely on their stingy defense for a change.

Anthony Davis ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns, and quarterback John Stocco threw for a career-high 297 yards and a touchdown, in the unbeaten Badgers' 38-14 rout of archrival Minnesota on Saturday.

Stocco also ran for two touchdowns as the Badgers, 9-0 for the third time in school history, moved into a first-place tie with idle Michigan aton the Big Ten at 6-0.

They celebrated by rushing to the Golden Gophers' sideline to retrieve Paul Bunyan's Axe, the trophy that goes to the winner in Division I's most-played rivalry.

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Wisconsin, which was averaging 21 points a
game, had that by the end of the first quarter

nd scored on its first five possessions to take 31-0 lead.

Davis scored on two 1-yard runs and set up Stocco's 1-yard keeper with a 21-yard scamper before he was showed out of bounds just shy of the pylon by safety John Pawielski. Stocco also threw a 17-yard scoring strike to Jonathan Orr, and Mike Allen kicked a 41-ward field eoal.

The Gophers (6-4, 3-4), who lost for the fourth time in five games, finally got going when Bryan Cupito led an 80-yard drive that he capped with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Ernie Wheelwright that made it 31-7.

By halftime, Stocco, a sophomore and first-year starter, had completed 14 of 18 passes for 241 yards, 30 more than his career high of 211 at Purdue last month. He finished 194for;26

"I've never seen him play like that before."

Davis said. "That was amazing. That just shows you what he's capable of doing." Wisconsin outgained Minnesota 205 vards

Wisconsin outgained Minnesota 20b yards to 31 in the first quarter, never giving the Gophers the chance to spring their 1-2 running punch of Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney. Maroney finished with 57 yards on eight carries and Barber had 34 yards on

seven runs.

The Gophers entered the game as the Big
Ten's top-scoring offense (33.3) and owner of
the league's best rushing offense, averaging
266 yards.

The Badgers countered with the nation's toughest scoring defense (8.5) and the second-best total defense nationally, yielding fewer than 240 yards a game.

Defensive end Erasmus James returned from a high ankle sprain and played on passing downs only. His presence was felt immediately when he deflected Cupito's pass on his first snap and forced a hurry on his third.

Oklahoma emerges with win over A&M

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas —

This one was much tougher, but far sweeter, for Oklahoma. Jason White threw five touchdown passes, including the deci-

down passes, including the decisive one with 6:43 left, and the second-ranked Sooners overcame Texas A&M's explosive offense and special teams trickery for a 42:35 victory Saturday.

Oklahoma handed Texas A&M a loss for the ages last season — 77-0, the worst in the 108-year history of Aggies football. But the rematch was a battle from start to finish for the Sooners (9-0, 6-0 Big 12).

White, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, was 19-for-35 for 292 yards, taking control of the offense as the 22nd-ranked Aggies swarmed to star freshman running back Adrian Peterson.

Peterson still managed to run for 101 yards and a touchdown on a tough 29 carries, his ninth straight 100-yard game. He went to the locker room on Oklahoma's go-ahead drive with an apparent arm injury, but returned to help the Sooners run the clock down on their last possession.

"To overcome all that we did today I think is a positive thing.

People can criticize, which will happen, we're one of those teams that gets it when we win," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "All that we overcame, down here in this atmosphere and still came away with the victory, makes me proud of our players and our coaches who hung in there and made the plays in the end that won the football game."

The Aggies (6-3, 4-2) finished the game without their best offensive weapon. Reggie McNeal left with an apparent injury in the third quarter after throwing for 213 yards and two touchdowns and running for a score.

With the Aggies trailing 35-28, McNeal was relieved by Ty Branyon. The former walk-on led Texas A&M on a long drive with five completions, but the march stalled at the Sooners 6.

Already having used a faked punt to score a touchdown, Aggies coach Dennis Franchione pulled another fast one on the Sconners. A&M set up for a field goal, but holder Chad Schroeder took the snap, rolled left and flipped a TD pass to Joey Thomas to tie the game.

White, Peterson and the Sooners went right to work getting the lead back. Peterson converted a third down with a tackle-breaking 8-yard run and the Sooners were aided by a pass interference call.

On third-and-10 at the Aggies 39, White stepped up and away from pressure to deliver a strike down the middle to Mark Bradley, who slipped a tackle at the 15 and went in for a 42-35 lead.

Vols QB Ainge hurt in 17-13 loss to Irish

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee lost the second member of its heralded freshman quarterback

duo, and Notre Dame capitalized with an interception return for a touchdown, then held on to win 17-13 Saturday over the No. 9 Volunteers. Erik Ainge separated his right

Erik Ainge separated nis right shoulder on the final play of the first half when he recovered his own fumble and was sacked. He did not return. His injury came a week after Brent Schaeffer broke his collarbone.

Junior Rick Clausen, the younger brother of former Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen, replaced Ainge in the second half and almost immediately made a big mistake.

Clausen was being sacked by Derek Landri when he let the ball go. Notre Dame's Mike Goolsby caught it and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown and a 14-10 lead. The Fighting Irish (6-3) never trailed again. The Vols (7-2) now have a week

off to regroup and prepare for Southeastern Conference also-rans Vanderbilt and Kentucky, teams it needs to beat to win the SEC East division.

Notre Dame padded its lead in the fourth quarter with D.J. Fitzpatrick's 39-yard field goal. Then all the Irish had to do was stop Tennessee's hapless offense. The Vols punted on their next possession. but got the ball back for a

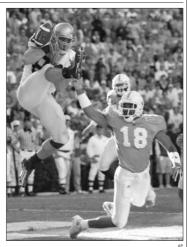
final chance with 2:12 remaining. Tennessee had a bad snap that Clausen had to recover 15 yards behind the line of scrimmage. The Vols' last gasp came on fourth-and-18 when Clausen's pass was incomplete, and the Notre Dame bench erupted in celebration

Brady Quinn was 12-for-23 for 118 yards and a touchdown for Notre Dame, which only had 216

yards of total offense.
Notre Dame took its first lead,
7-3, in the first quarter on Quinn's
8-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Fasano, ending a drive that featured Darius Walker's 32-yard

Tennessee got back in it in the second quarter when Ainge dumped off the ball to Cedric Houston as he was being pressured. Houston dodged defenders and beat Notre Dame's Dwight Ellick to the end zone for a 56-yard touchdown.

Clausen finished 10-for-18 for 120 yards, but the Vols were held to 58 yards rushing.



Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fansano (88) bobbles the ball but makes the catch for a touchdown in the first quarter Saturday against Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. Defending on the play is Jason Allen (18).

No. 4 Cal saved when Oregon's Allen drops pass BY GREG BEACHAM score for the Bears (7-1, 5-1 ing streak against Oregon with either way, depending on the

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BERKELEY, Calif. — Califor-

nia's fate was in Keith Allen's hands, and the Oregon receiver dropped the ball. Geoff McArthur caught eight

geon McArthur Caught eight passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns, and fourth-ranked Cal's defense stopped Oregon near midfield with 1:39 left when Allen couldn't hold the final pass in the Golden Bears' 28-27 victory Saturday that solidified their Bowl Championship Series hopes.

Aaron Rodgers passed for 275 yards and three TDs, and J.J. Arrington ran for 188 yards and a Pac-10), who barely kept alive their big postseason dreams with a strong second half after falling behind 27-14.

Kellen Clemens threw four

for the Ducks (5-4, 4-2), who seemed headed for an upset.

difference: Jared Siegel missed an extra point in the first quarter, and Oregon's final drive ended when Allen dropped an easy fourth-down pass that would have put the Ducks well within field goal range.

Cal snapped a seven-game los-

ing streak against Oregon with coach Jeff Tedford's first victory over the school where he served as Mike Bellotti's offensive coordinator for four years. The Bears faced adversity for

The Bears faceu anversity for the first time in a month, and it brought out a gritty second-half performance. Facing a 27-21 halftime deficit, Cal made four sustained drives — but thanks to Tom Schneider's two missed field goals and a fumble by freshman Robert Jordan, the Bears got just seven points.

"Winning the close games is everything," said McArthur, who became Cal's career leader in receptions. "That one could have gone either way, depending on the fourth quarter. We got a good break at the end, but if he'd caught that ball, who knows?"

Cal went ahead on McArthur's payard TD catch with 13:25 to play. After Schneider missed a 40-yard field goal with 4:20 left, Clemens drove Oregon 36 yards to the Cal 41 — but he threw for straight incompletions, with the final pass bouncing off Allen's hands and helmet near the 20.

Allen stayed flat on his face for several moments while the Bears celebrated. Tight end Tim Day caught two

Tight end Tim Day caught two of Clemens' four TD passes, and Terrence Whitehead ran for 91 yards.



Clemson tailback Reggie Merriweather (37) scores the winning touchdown in overtime Saturday night in Miami as he slides past Miami DB Anthony Reddick (26) and LB Leon Williams (44). Clemson won 24-17.

No. 11 Hurricanes' BCS chances take another hit in overtime loss

Clemson rallies, hands Miami second straight defeat

BY TIM REYNOLDS The Associated Press

MIAMI - Reggie Merriweather and the Clemson Tigers probably aren't heading to a Bowl Championship Series game this season. They might have ensured Miami isn't headed to one, either,

Merriweather ran for a career-high 114 yards and three second-half touchdowns, including a 2-yard score in overtime Saturday night to can Clemson's 24-1. comeback victory over No. 11 Miami. The Tigers trailed 17-3 at halftime, but dominated the secand half and sent the reeling Hurricanes to a second straight loss.

"He was essential," quarter back Charlie Whitehurst said. "When we needed a play, we

went to him. He stepped up and met the challenge."

Whitehurst completed 21 of 37 passes for 258 yards for Clemson (5-4. 4-3 Atlantic Coast Conferwhich has won four ence). straight for the first time in four

Frank Gore had 105 vards and two touchdowns for Miami. which also lost on the game's final play a week ago at North Caroli-

The loss knocked the Hurricanes (6-2, 3-2) out of first place in the ACC, leaving them a game behind Virginia and Virginia Tech in the race for the league title and automatic BCS berth. Miami visits Virginia next weekend, and hosts Virginia Tech on Dec. 4 in the regular-season fina-

"This loss will really test us," Hurricanes coach Larry Coker said. "We haven't lost a lot, and now we've lost back-to-back games. It is extremely disappoint-Clemson needed five plays to

score in the extra session, with the Tigers benefiting from a pass-interference penalty against cornerback Kelly Jennings. That moved Clemson to the 10, and Merriweather scored three plays later to cap the Tigers' rally from a 17-3 halftime deficit.

On its overtime possession, Miami moved to the Clemson 5, but three straight incompletions by Brock Berlin sealed the Hurricanes' second straight loss. Berlin's final attempt was intended for Lance Leggett in the corner of the end zone, but Clemson's Tye Hill had him well-covered and the ball bounced away.

Miami begged officials to call pass interference; no flag came. "If it's not called, then it's not

pass interference," Coker said. Clemson outgained Miami 215-104 after halftime, sparking the comeback

"In the second half you have to score points and make plays, said Miami quarterback Brock Berlin, who was 22-for-46 for 245 yards.

The victory marked the first for the Bowden clan against Coker: Clemson coach Tommy Bowden is the son of Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, who is 0-5 against Coker.

"We just didn't quit." Tommy

Bowden said. "We shut them down in the second half completely. ... It goes down to kids not quitting and playing hard."

Miami led 17-3 at halftime and

appeared to be cruising. The Hurricanes allowed Clemson only six first downs and 156 vards in the first two quarters, but Clemson seized momentum quickly after Miami missed an opportunity to build a three-touchdown lead.

Devin Hester — who started at tailback and cornerback, plus took his usual roles as kickoff returner, punt returner and on the kick coverage team - dropped an interception at midfield. Had he caught what would have been his second pick of the game, he would likely have scored; no one stood between him and the end

Clemson knew it caught a break, and quickly capitalized.

Whitehurst connected with Airese Currie for a 37-yard gain on the next play. And on the successive play, Merriweather burst past the Miami line, broke two tackles in the secondary and rumbled in for a 27-yard touchdown that cut Miami's lead to 17-10.

Following two more stalled Miami drives, Clemson used a little trickery to tie the game.

Facing a fourth-and-2 from the Miami 9, Bowden went for a fake field goal and elected to call upon kicker Jad Dean to run for a first down. Dean caught a flip from holder Cole Chason, got to the Miami 3, and Merriweather scored on the next play to tie the game

Benson scores 5 TDs as No. 6 Texas rallies

By JIM VERTUNO The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - It must have sounded like a bad joke.

Thoroughly dominated in the first half, Texas coach Mack Brown made a big promise to his team: They would win.

Only this was no joke and no false optimism a coach might use just to get his team back on the field in a blowout. It was real.

Cedric Benson scored five touchdowns Saturday night and No. 6 Texas rallied from a 35-7 first-half deficit to beat No. 19 Oklahoma State 56-35

The Longhorns trailed 35-14 at halftime when Brown told the Longhorns they would score on their first drive of the third quarter and go on to win. He even predicted a final score of 42-35.

'Unbelievable," Brown said. "After the game I apologized for underestimating them.

Benson's fourth TD gave Texas its first lead at 42-35 early in the fourth quarter. His last, a 6-yard bullrush in which he pushed four defenders across the goal line, put the exclamation point on the incredible comeback that kept the Longhorns' BCS hopes alive.

'That shows the character of this team as far as how tough we said senior linebacker Derrick Johnson.

"We never gave up."

A little perspective on just how big of a rally it was: In 111 years of playing football, the biggest deficit the Longhorns (8-1 5-1 Rig 12) had ever overcome to win was 19 points three seasons ago in a Holiday Bowl victory over Wash-

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ington. For Oklahoma State (6-3, 3-3), it should go down as one of the most stunning losses in a long, long time if not ever

If the Cowboys had managed to shake off the hangover of their three-point loss to No. 2 Oklahoma a week earlier, coach Les Miles isn't likely to shake the hurt from this one anytime soon.

'I've never been through one like that," Miles said. "There will be some pain. There's no way to have a game like this where you

Trailing by four touchdowns in the first half, the Longhorns scored TDs on five straight possessions to take the lead and control of the game

Quarterback Vince Young had a career night with 278 yards on 18-for-21 nassing. He started the rally by running the Longhorns hurry-up offense to perfection late in the second quarter.

Young's 5-yard TD pass to Bo Scaife with 3 seconds left in the half trimmed the lead to 35-14 and made the rally possible. Scaife stretched for the pylon

to get the ball into the end zone. The touchdown sent the Longhorns into the locker room thinking anything was possible.
"There was a lot of energy in

the locker room," Benson said "Most teams would have laid down and given up. We fought back to see what the final score

Shroud: Beavers fade vs. Trojans in second half

SHROUD, FROM BACK PAGE

and all but took over in the second half to snap a three-game Oregon State winning streak Leinart completed 17 of 31 pass-

es for 205 vards. He was intercepted once. Derek Anderson was 22-for-51

for 330 yards and two touchdowns for the Beavers, who could never get a running game started and finished with only 34 yards rushing It started well for Oregon State

Alexis Serna's first-quarter field goals from 25 and 33 vards were sure desnite the obvious visual trouble caused by the fog - and the chilly 43-degree temperature at game time

Joe Newton fumbled a long ass when he was forced down by Trojans safety Darnell Bing, but the ball was scooped up by Hass, who got it down to the Southern Cal 8

A play later, Marcel Love caught Anderson's 8-yard scoring pass to make it 13-0 for Oregon

Leinart narrowed it to 13-7 before halftime with a perfectly placed 18-yard scoring pass to Byrd, who was well-covered by cornerback Brandon Browner. When Byrd ran a 25-yard scor ing pass from Leinart into the end zone early in the third quarter, he raised the hall to Southern Cal's fan section. Bush, the sophomore sensation

who came into game ranked sixth in the nation in all-purpose yards, was virtually untouched on his punt return that made it 21-13. He finished with 11 carries for 88 yards and two catches for 6

"The kid is unbelievable," Anderson said. "I've never seen anything like it, in the NFL, or whatever After White's touchdown made

28-13, Oregon State's Josh Hawkins caught a 36-yard scoring pass from Anderson for the final margin.

The Tojans seem to be getting used to playing in un-Southern California weather. Last week they were pelted by hail before they beat Washington State 42-12 in Pullman Wash

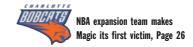
This week it was fog so thick at times it was hard to see the ball on pass plays

'It seems like Mother Nature is throwing everything at us," Lein-

art said The Trojans were the latest in a

string of ranked teams that Oregon State has faced this season The Beavers opened on the road against then-No. 3 LSU, the defending co-national champion. They've also faced Boise State, Ar-izona State and California.

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Oregon State quarterback Derek Anderson, bottom, holds his head after he was knocked to the ground by Southern California's Frostee Rucker during the fourth quarter Saturday at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Ore. Southern California defeated Oregon State 28-20.

Shroud of invincibility

Fog, Oregon St. can't stop No. 1 Southern California

BY ANNE M. PETERSON The Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Even the fog couldn't obscure Reggie Bush's wily punt return.

Bush was virtually untouched on the 65-yard scoring return in top-ranked Southern California's 28-20 foggy victory over Oregon State on Saturday night.

"That guy is incredible," Oregon State wide receiver Mike Hass said. "You've got to give him credit on that, he kind of made it happen all by himself.

"That's why he's a Heisman Trophy candidate and he showed that tonight."

Matt Leinart threw two touchdown passes to Dominique Byrd, and LenDale White ran 5 yards for another score for the defending national champion Trojans (9-0.6-0 Pac-10).

With just a narrow 14-13 lead, Bush's punt return came early in the fourth quarter.

"We've been in this position before," Bush said. "There was no doubt in our minds we were going to come back in the second half." Southern California has won 18 consecutive games overall, 13 in

a row in the Pac-10 and 10 straight on the road. As fog rolled into Reser Stadium, the Beavers (4-5, 3-3) jumped out to a surprising 13-0

lead. But the mighty Trojans adjusted to the adverse conditions

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Hawaii's Chang passes Detmer



Hawaii quarterback Timmy Chang (14) looks to pass against Louisiana Tech during the first quarter Saturday night in Honolulu. Chang broke Brigham Young's Ty Detmer's NCAA career yardage mark of 15,031 yards with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jason Rivers on Hawaii's second offensive series. Chang finished with 285 yards and four TD passes as the Warriors defeated the Bulldogs 34-23. See story on Page 27.



No. 11 Miami falls to second straight defeat



No. 5 Wisconsin routs Minnesota, stays atop Big Ten



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